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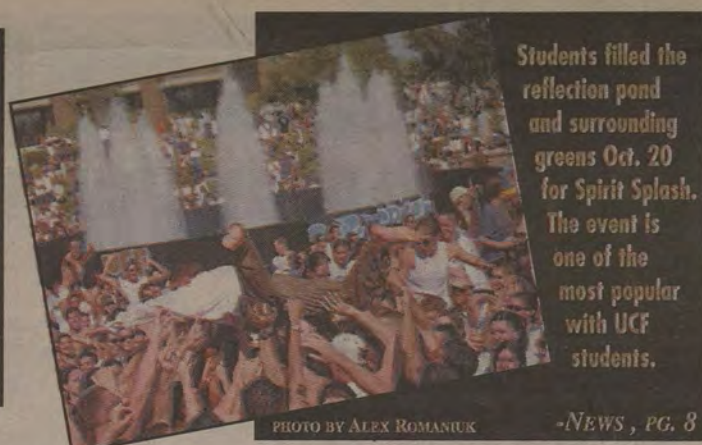
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Students filled the reflection pond and surrounding greens Oct. 20 for Spirit Splash. The event is one of the most popular with UCF students.

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Busta Rhymes rocks the Arena lot, Oct. 18, at the UCF Homecoming concert.

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## Chapin visits campus to speak

MAGGIE GUNTHER  
STAFF WRITER

The Campus Democrats brought Chapin, who currently serves as Orange County Chairman, on campus for a "meet and greet."

Linda Chapin said she is "very interested in getting college students involved in public debate" during a visit to the Student Union on Oct. 19.

Chapin is the democratic contender for district eight's congressional seat, currently vacated by Bill McCollum, who is running for the U.S. Senate.

Chapin took questions from students and emphasized her goal of getting college students more involved as citizens.

"It's easy to be apathetic and cynical. Issues are complex; the news doesn't focus on issues. That's why we have so much cynicism. No one asks students to be involved," said Chapin.

In response to students' questions she supported affirmative action, but wanted to promote understanding of what affirmative action is.

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# Parade anything but a Nightmare

KATHY FORD  
STAFF WRITER

"A little rain never hurt anyone," is how the old saying goes. That was precisely how the Homecoming parade committee felt when they saw the rain on the morning of Oct. 21.

"When one of the committee members came running in saying that it was raining, everyone started to panic," said Dr. Jean Holt, assistant director for the office of Student Activities. "Then we saw that it didn't do very much damage to the floats and everyone calmed down."

With approximately 80 floats and spirit cars, their concerns were whether the rain would stay away for the duration of the parade. The logistics of putting together a successful parade was uppermost in the minds of everyone involved with the parade.

"Due to the Promisekeepers being at the TD Waterhouse Arena this year, our usual staging area in front of the arena was unavailable," said parade director Lyndsy Lyons, who was parade director last year.

"Things went much smoother last year because everyone knew where the Arena was."

With the Homecoming theme being 'Knightmare' the parade committee based its theme on the movie Urban Legend, resulting in the floats having the recurring design of horror on them.

Delta Tau Delta based their float on the film Scary Movie. Having won an award last year for their pirate ship float, they opted to keep the same idea using only half their budget from the year before.

Dressed in a flowing black robe, the fraternity's Homecoming chair Andrew Carson pointed out that "the fraternity was not looking to win anything this year but to just have

a good time".

Other floats kept within the basic theme for Homecoming with topics like Sleepy Hollow and 'Knightmare at the Beach'. One spirit car was a rented truck done in the theme of Psycho that had a shower stall built into the bed of the truck.

The majority of the vehicles in the parade were from the Mid Florida Mustang Club. The members of this club were on hand to help transport various dignitaries like the parade Grand Marshals, Doc and Johnny of the XL106.7 morning show.

"Surprise was the first reaction I had, then I realized that I was honored to be part of this," said Doc.

He thought this year's theme for Homecoming was a great idea and loved the decorations on the floats.

"I think that the students really get into topics like this and have a lot of fun putting their floats together," he said.

Some organizations choose to forgo the rental of a flatbed and go with what is

called a spirit car, which is generally cheaper to rent or have in the parade. They can put their banner on that vehicle and participate as well.

Fourteen organizations and clubs put together floats following the theme set down by the committee. The remaining clubs, organizations and various businesses applied to have a spirit car instead.

Along with the restrictions for the floats, the participants also have to pass out the candy and other goodies according to certain methods.

Participants in the parade not only have to fill out an application,

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—“—  
Things went much smoother last year because everyone knew where the Arena was.

—parade director Lyndsy Lyons



PHOTO BY FERNEY VALENCIA

## Golden Knight Royalty

Homecoming King Joe Barbito and Queen Christine Kurle pose during halftime immediately after being crowned. Students voted during Homecoming week in front of the Student Union for their favorite nominees who wore Homecoming sashes around campus.

## UCF student senate elections postponed

KRISTA ZILIZI  
STAFF WRITER

college.

When UCF established a School of Optics and the hospitality major separated from the School of Business to form its own school, the two schools were not represented in the old reapportionment of Senate seats.

"Basically, there is a certain number of seats in each

Seat reapportionment, qualification changes and a new online voting procedure has postponed student Senate elections to Nov. 6-8.

The original voting dates that were set for Oct. 25-27 were delayed after Senate statutes called for a reapportionment of seats within each

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## High-tech teacher training institute to be built at UCF

Academy to be sponsored by Jennings Institute

DARCY ELENA  
RODRIGUEZ  
STAFF WRITER

UCF's College of Education will be adding a new training institute for students in the

exceptional education program. The institute will be part of an \$11 billion Teaching Academy scheduled to open in the Spring of 2002.

The Jennings Institute, named for retiring senator Toni Jennings, will be the first of its kind allowing students to watch a classroom in session through a video up-link. The student and the teacher will have earpieces

through which they can communicate.

The Jennings Institute will not only provide teaching assistance. Research will also be conducted that expects to aid teachers and the families of children with learning, mental, physical and behavioral disabilities as well as gifted children.

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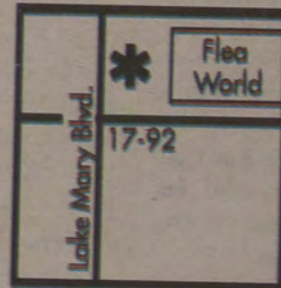
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# GPA requirement changed for leadership positions

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college to represent the number of people in those colleges. The seats were changed to better represent the students in each college," said Adam Lichter, UCF Elections Commissioner.

After reapportionment, both optics and hospitality were each given one seat in Senate, undeclared was assigned three seats, education received six seats, engineering acquired seven seats, health and public affairs obtained eight seats and arts and

sciences will now represent a total of 14 Senate seats.

The second major change came when a new rule passed requiring students to have a minimum 2.3 GPA instead of a 2.299 in order to hold leadership positions at UCF. The rule was not published in time, yet several students became aware of the new qualification and chose not to run because they failed to meet the new GPA requirement. However, other students who were not made aware of the new rule still petitioned to run under

the old requirement. Running was reopened to those students with grade point averages between 2.0 and 2.299 until Oct. 25.

Student voting also converted to an exclusively online procedure beginning this fall. Students can now vote from any computer, including personal computers from home using Polaris, as they would to check grades or register for classes. Computers will be set up in front of the Student Union where students may also cast their votes.

Voting has tentatively been set for Nov. 6-8 from 10 a.m. - 7p.m. and will only be offered online.

Lichter said he hoped the new procedure would encourage more students to vote.

"Everything is being done online. It's just as easy as checking e-mail," said Lichter.

He added, "We will be the second university in the state to have online voting, USF has online voting now."

The only exception to the online voting procedure is that

write-in candidates may not be voted for online and can only be voted in at the computers set up in front of the Student Union.

"Several write-in candidates have asked to be placed on the ballot now because they feel it's unfair that there are only tents in front of the Student Union where they can receive votes. But that goes against statutes, so judicial council will have to vote on that," said Lichter.

The newly elected Senate members will begin their new terms November 30, 2000.

## Girl Scouts join homecoming parade

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but have a set of guidelines to follow, such as what they can and cannot have on the floats.

"Invariably, every year there is one organization that wants to have fireworks on their float in order to make it stand out," Lyons said.

"But we are able to convince them of the problems that can happen as a result of having them."

There is no need to go to such extremes in order to win

because the parade committee has several categories of awards based on size, creativity and of course, spirit. Even the smaller organizations can get involved in the entire homecoming process.

The girls of Girl Scout Junior troop 1248 were participating for the first time.

"I'm really excited because I have never been in anything like this before," said 12-year old Merissa. "I hope that we can be in it next year."

Homecoming Winners

<b>Spirit Cup for Large Organizations:</b> Delta Gamma	<b>Signs for Small Organizations:</b> Fiji
<b>Spirit Cup for Small Organizations:</b> Pi Beta Phi	<b>Skits for Large Organizations:</b> Delta Delta Delta & Pi Kappa Alpha
<b>Black &amp; Gold Banner for Large Organizations:</b> Pi Kappa Phi	<b>Skits for Small Organizations:</b> Fellowship of Christian Athletes
<b>Black &amp; Gold Banner for Small Organizations:</b> Lambda Chi Alpha & Alpha Delta Pi	<b>Spirit Cars:</b> American Marketing Association
<b>Signs for Large Organizations:</b> Lambda Chi Alpha & Alpha Delta Pi	<b>Floats for Large Organizations:</b> Kappa Sigma & Alpha Xi Delta
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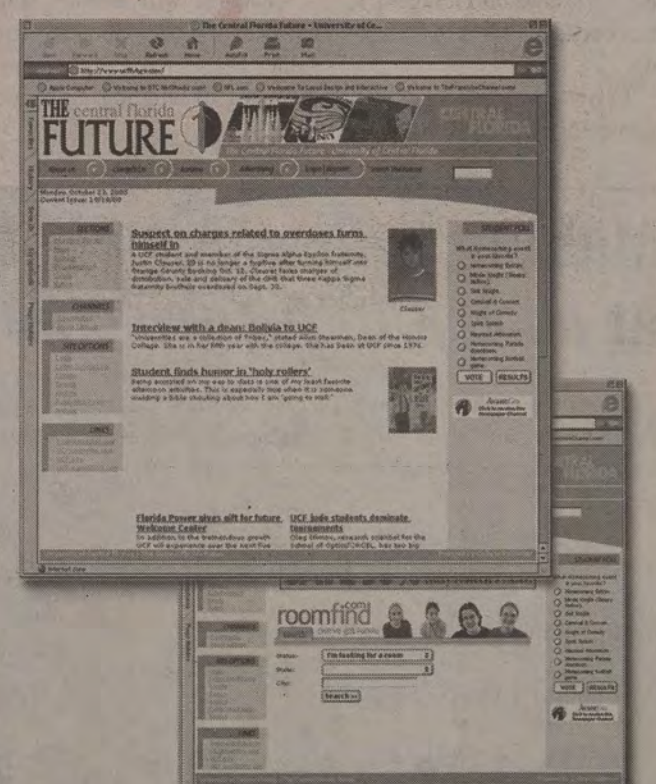
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### UCF Teaching Academy to train and support teaching students

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The UCF Teaching Academy and the Jennings Institute aim to train teaching students and provide support for new teachers in the exceptional education field. Teachers in this field have a high burnout rate and certified teachers are in short supply.

"The institute will be a place where in-service exceptional education teachers will be supported on both professional and personal levels," said Sandra Robinson, dean of the College of Education.

The Jennings Institute will also run a clinic to assess and identify exceptionalities in children ranging from severe retardation to gifted. The clinic will also provide counseling and recommendations for parents.

The UCF Teaching Academy will also house education classrooms, offices and offer programs such as a family literacy center. It will also promote leadership, learning and much needed support for exceptional education teachers.

"I think it's wonderful that teachers might be able to have access to good teaching and hands-on experiences before they get into the field," said Sondra Copenhaver, a junior in the exceptional education program.

Students are also excited at being able to get hands-on experience as well as working with the new technology.

"It will help me," said Copenhaver, "I'm eager to get advanced training."

Construction of the Jennings Institute and Teaching Academy is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2001. Retiring senator Toni Jennings, whose efforts played a large role in the approval of the

### Chapin speaks on affirmative action

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Chapin said that most people thought of affirmative action as filling quotas.

When asked if she would eliminate soft money funding of campaigns Chapin said, "I hope the first thing I get to vote for if elected is John McCain's campaign finance reform bill."

Chapin suggested a direct way for UCF students to provide feedback would be a monthly or bimonthly roundtable TV show on Orange TV, the county's public access channel.

Chapin said she started Orange TV as county chairman

and cited it as the reason for the public's increased confidence in the county government, according to a 1998 UCF survey.

Prior to the "meet and greet" Chapin recounted her involvement with UCF. She said she worked with President Hitt on a number of subjects, such as "saving research park" and promoting the "high-tech corridor" between UCF and USF.

Chapin will debate with her Republican opponent Ric Keller in room 101 of the communications building 7 p.m. on Oct. 24.

### Making your vote count at [www.UCFfuture.com](http://www.UCFfuture.com)

With the plethora of spirit events scheduled for homecoming week, we wanted to know 'What Homecoming event is your favorite?' And these are the events that you told us were your favorites:

Homecoming football game: 24 votes (46%)

Spirit Splash: 10 votes (19%)

Carnival & Concert: 5 votes (10%)

Skit Knight: 4 votes (8%)

Homecoming Parade downtown: 4 votes (8%)

Movie Knight: 2 votes (4%)

Homecoming Extrav: 1 votes (2%)

Haunted Arboretum: 1 votes (2%)

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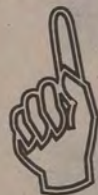
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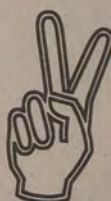
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# Knowing your choices for president

## Albert Gore, Jr.

Parents: Senator Albert Gore and Pauline LaFon Gore

College: Graduated with honors from Harvard University in 1969 with a degree in government. Also studied religion at Vanderbilt University after he got out of the army, and attended Vanderbilt Law School in the 70s.

Military Service: Volunteered for enlistment in the US Army and served in Vietnam after graduating from Harvard.

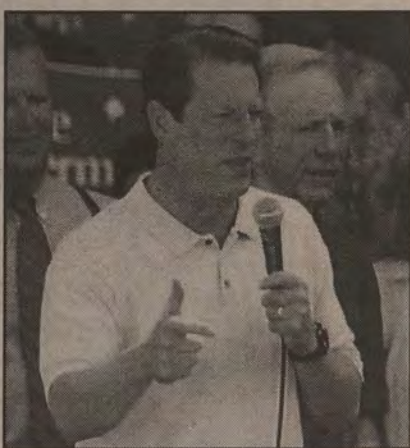
Occupation: Was a newspaper reporter with The Tennessean in Nashville until 1976.

Public Service: Elected to the US House of Representatives in 1976. He was elected to the Senate in 1984, re-elected in 1990. A candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1988. President Clinton's running mate in the 1992 Presidential Election, elected vice-president, part of his duties included serving as US Senate President.

### Platform:

Abortion: Supports women's right to choose.

Campaign Finance Reform: Ban soft money contributions. Require Washington lobbyists to disclose all activities to the public, including the



Gore

names of officials they've contributed to and held meetings with to discuss legislation being debated. Congress must post this information every month online. Strengthen the Federal Election Commission in terms of powers of investigation, enforcement and resources. Encourage broadcasters to provide free, equal time to all candidates to be given during the month prior to election.

Civil Rights: Urges Congress to pass the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which according to Gore's official web site, would "expand the definition of hate crimes to include those of gender,

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## George W. Bush

Parents: George and Barbara Bush

College: Graduated from Yale University, then Harvard Business School with an MBA.

Military Service: An F-102 pilot in the Texas National Guard.

Occupation: Began in the oil and gas business in Midland in 1975 and worked in the energy industry until 1986. After working with his father's campaign in 1988, he helped purchase the Texas Ranger baseball franchise and served as managing general partner until he was elected governor of Texas in 1994. He was reelected in 1998.

### Platform:

Abortion: Pro-life.

Abstinence Education: Proposing to spend as much on abstinence education as on teen spending. Ensures that faith-based organizations can compete for abstinence education grants. Proposing studies on the effectiveness of federally funded sex education programs.

Affirmative Action: Opposes quotas and racial preference. Believes in the Talented Tenth Program also instilled by brother, Florida governor Jeb Bush, where the Top 10 percent of all high school graduates are guaranteed college admission.

Armies of Compassion: A movement to help boost resources to mobilize faith-based

organizations, charities, and community groups to help change and save lives.

Campaign Finance Reform: Bans soft money contributions and stop unions from using member dues to support campaigns.

Defense: Garner the respect of American soldiers by respecting them. Deploy national and theater missile defenses. Lighter land forces, but heavier air forces. Increase defense spending by \$20 billion between 2002 and 2006.

Drug Policy: Support drug prevention programs in the community, and faith-based drug treatment programs. Use better surveillance to track and catch drug smugglers before they reach American borders. Work

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## news

## Knowing your choices for president

Ralph Nader

Parents: Rose and Nathra Nader

College: Graduated magnum cum laude from Princeton in 1995. Graduated Harvard Law School in 1998.

Occupation: Part of a law practice in Hartford, CT until 1963.

Public service: Left his practice in 1963 to hitchhike to Washington DC, where he got a job in the US Department of Labor as a consultant to then-Assistant Labor Secretary Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Moonlighted as a freelance writer for 'The Nation' and 'Christian Science Monitor.' Worked as an unpaid advisor to the Senate Subcommittee looking at expanding the government role in automobile safety. Since then he has spent the last 30 years fighting to keep corporate influence out of the government.

Platform:

Abortion: Does not feel the government should say whether or not a woman can abort a child, but feels we should work on preventing the need for an abortion.

Campaign Finance Reform: Endorses public financed campaigns, banning all contributions

by corporations and special interests. Broadcasters should allot free time for campaign advertising. Supports same-day voter registration. Debates permitted for all candidates, not just the two major parties. Open up the two-party system with proportional representation.

Civil Rights: Feels we need to do more to ensure everyone has all the same opportunities, regardless of race, gender, age or sexual orientation.

Defense: Take all nuclear missiles off hair-trigger high alert status and urge other world leaders to do the same. Adopt a no first-use policy regarding using nuclear weapons. Push ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty immediately. Halt all research into new types of nuclear weapons. Begin talks with nuclear powers to develop a framework and final date for the abolition of all nuclear weapons. Cancel all research for SDI. Withdraw all US armed forces in Western Europe. Reduce military spending by 20 percent -- over \$60 billion a year - and eventually cut military spending in half. America will still have the most powerful military in the world.

Education: Guarantee preschool education for all children and immediately expand

Head Start. Work to reduce class sizes in primary schools to 15 and secondary schools to 20. Ensure that every high school graduate gets free public two - four year school tuition. Discourage standardized testing and leave the role of education largely to state and local governments.

Environment: Increase use of renewable energy and reduce the need for fossil fuels. Improve fuel efficiency on all automobiles and improve energy efficiency on all appliances and industrial equipment. Eliminate countless subsidies for fossil fuels. Crack down on polluters and strengthen emission standards.

Fair Trade: Opposes the World Trade Organization. Establish labor, food, environment and consumer protection treaties forcing these countries to abide by the same standards as America.

Foreign Policy: Publicly wage peace against the rest of the world by having a lean defense. Expand the export of democratic processes to other countries.

Guns: Trigger locks on all weapons. Everyone must be licensed to own a gun.

For more information on Nader, log on to [www.votenader.org](http://www.votenader.org).

Compiled by Christie Zizo

## Say good-bye to harassing instant messages

AMY PAVUK  
STAFF WRITER

"Internet user SexySassySuzie has sent you an instant message. Would you like to accept this message?" Too often after logging onto the Internet, many instant messenger users are bombarded with soliciting messages similar to the above.

However, sex solicitation is not limited to just instant messaging.

Where do they come from? The Internet is so readily used in the year 2000, which has countless benefits. Along with these benefits come downfalls.

Cyber crime is an important issue that many people are not familiar with. Cyber crime refers to all the activities done with criminal intent in cyberspace. These crimes are broken down into three groups: crimes against property, government and persons.

Crimes committed against people include the transmission of child pornography and harassment. Harassment can be of racial, religious or sexual contact. And is accomplished through emails, message boards, instant messages and cyber-stalking.

Predators can easily identify victims by their screen name. Women Halting Online Abuse, an organization dedicated to educating the Internet community about online harassment, suggests Internet users choose gender-neutral usernames.

Never fill out personal profiles says WHOA.

Do not defend yourself when someone starts to harass you. The harasser is looking for a reaction. If you reply to their message, you do exactly what they want. Instead, delete their message and hopefully they will move on.

Cyber harassment is a very serious issue, and these crimes need to be reported. If the harasser continues to send messages after you have requested that they stop, action can be taken. The most important thing to do is save and print the e-mails and messages. Next, contact the Internet Service Provider. If there are complaints against specific users, their service can be revoked. If the problem persists, contact your local law enforcement. Some police departments have computer crimes or online harassment officers that are experienced and can assist you.



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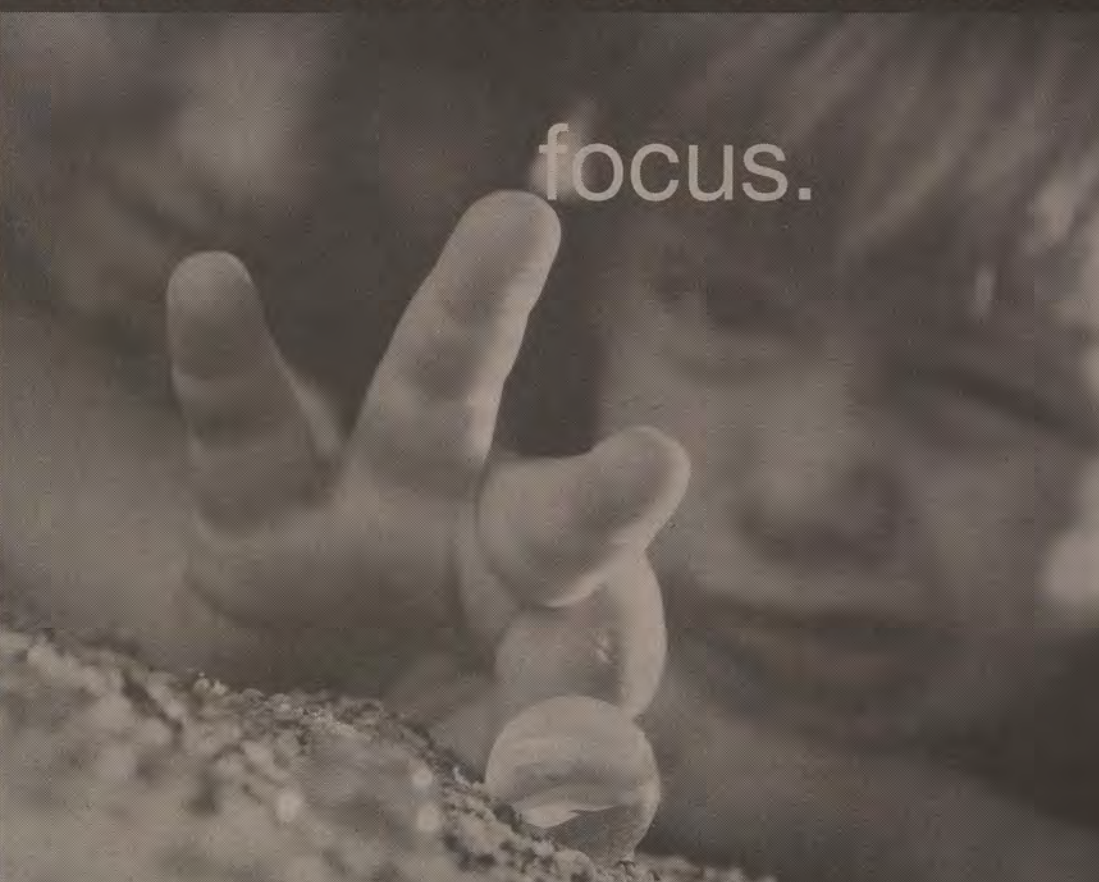
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## Gore wishes to increase wages for those in military

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sexual orientation and disability, and allow for the prosecution of these crimes under federal law." Introduce a bill to outlaw racial profiling in the US. Increase the amount of scholarships to increase the diversity of law enforcement officials. Believes in the "mend it, not end it" view of Affirmative Action held by the Clinton Administration.

Defense: Increase wages for people in the military. Invest in military housing. Upgrade family services, such as child-care and education opportunities. Continue to invest on the most up-to-date defense hardware so the military won't fall behind. Establish a limited national missile defense system in case of an attack from North Korea or Iraq that falls within guidelines of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

Education: All middle and high school teachers to pass a rigorous test before they are permitted in the classroom. Also test new elementary school teachers on reading strategies. Identify failing schools through testing assessment and help schools turn around quickly. Require periodic peer reviews of all teachers to ensure they are doing their jobs. Shut down school that do not improve failing grades and reopen them under a new administration and teaching staff or as a charter

school. Also expand school choice, and force schools to issue "performance report cards" so parents can make a good decision when deciding on schools. Issue a national assessment test for students. States that do not take steps to improve the performances of failing schools will lose Federal funding. Invest \$170 billion into public schools over the next 10 years to be used on expanding early education programs, increase teacher pay, and recruit new teachers to help lower class sizes. Make up to \$10,000 of college fees tax-deductible.

Environment: Enact the Energy Security and Environmental Trust Fund to provide tax-breaks and incentives to industries to provide more clean, reliable sources of energy, and create energy-efficient transportation. Also provide tax-breaks and other incentives to consumers who purchase energy efficient vehicles, homes, appliances, etc. Fight for strong standards to reduce smog and soot levels. Supports the full funding of national parks. Wishes to stop commercial attempts to drill in the arctic, and offshore drilling in Florida and California. Create reliable testing procedures for genetically engineered foods.

Foreign Policy: Resubmit the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, which works to reduce stockpiles of nuclear weapons,

to the Senate and insist ratification. Strengthen alliances with Asia and Latin America. Continue to work with NATO in bringing other countries in.

Guns: Increase penalties for all gun-related crime. Require gun manufacturers and federally licensed dealers to report all gun sales. Require every handgun buyer to get a state-licensed photo id. Ban "junk guns" and assault weapons. Limit handgun purchases to once a month and require a 3-day waiting period on all purchases. Close the Gun Show loophole that can exempt gun dealers from the Brady law, allowing them to sell guns at gun shows without performing a background check. Require safety locks on all new guns. Raise the age to possess a gun from 18 to 21. Wants a mandatory 1-year expulsion for any student who brings a gun to school. Bar juveniles who are convicted of a gun related crime to possess a gun as an adult.

Internet and Technology: Encourage creation of high-tech, high-wage jobs. Provide low-cost Internet access to all schools. Create an Electronic Bill of Rights so Americans can keep their private information from being easily accessed over the Internet.

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## Strengthening of ties to allies important to Bush

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with banks to prevent money laundering.

Education: Require regular testing (determined by states) to ensure that schools are working to create clear, defined goals. Parents will have the option of transferring their children from a failing school to a public school or use their share of federal funds to pay for charter school. Invest \$5 billion over 5 years to ensure every child can read by the third grade. Establish a \$500 million dollar fund to reward improving schools. Expand loan forgiveness from \$5,000 - \$17,500 for math and science teachers. Expand the Troops-to-Teachers program to put more former military personnel into the classroom. Create tax deductions of up to \$400 for teachers for out-of-pocket class expenses. Granting full tax exemption for prepaid college programs. Expand PELL grant programs.

Environment: Clear brownfields and promote conservation. Support continued research into the cause and impact of global warming. Work to prohibit new offshore drilling contracts. Help repair national parks.

Foreign Policy: Continue to strengthen ties to allies and to Asia. Continue to show strength and power to forces such as North Korea. Continue to

develop and deploy missile defense. Does not support the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

Government Reform: Work to restore dignity to the government. Reform budget process to encourage cooperation and prevent shutdowns. Attack pork barrel politics. Return Civility to the nominating Process.

Guns: Vigorously prosecute those who illegal sell, buy and commit crimes with guns. Work to keep guns away from juveniles by increasing the minimum age to possess a gun to 21, a ban on semiautomatic weapons in the possession of juveniles, and a support child safety locks. Supports the National Instant Check System and will make it readily accessible at gun shows.

International Trade: Supports China and Taiwan entry into the World Trade Organization. Ensure that American values accompany American products. Enforce American laws against unfair trading practices.

Technology: Increase computer education funding for all Americans. Promotes e-government. Help improve technology access to the disabled.

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## news

# Annual event fills reflection pond

On Oct 20, over 3,000 UCF students dumped their backpacks and shoes to jump into the Reflection Pond for a huge pool party and Homecoming pep rally.



**ELISSA JACOB**  
STAFF WRITER

This year's Homecoming Spirit Splash kicked off at 3 p.m. as President Hitt dedicated the Reflection Pond to UCF students, stating their tuition has paid for it. Students cheered and splashed around the 2-foot deep wading pool, as radio station 95.3 cranked up the music, and the party was officially started.

The Spirit Splash was complete with performances by the UCF basketball and football dance teams. The UCF cheerleaders also got the crowd reeled up for the game on Oct 21. The "Knight Mare" theme echoed as Knightro came out and danced to "Thriller" as the wet students cheered.

The annual UCF Homecoming Spirit Splash actually has a lot of tradition. It was named as the 'Best Tradition Among Florida Universities' in Florida Leadership Magazine, spring 2000 issue.

"This is definitely the largest it's ever been. Everything's going very

smoothly," said Dawn Henry, the Spirit Splash Director for the Homecoming Advisory Board, during the event. She added, "We really appreciate the baseball team helping us out for the first time this year; they're patrolling the reflection pond and making sure the crowd is under control."

The crowd was under control, but definitely having a blast and oozing with UCF spirit. Radio station 95.3 DJ's tossed Homecoming 2000 shirts into the reflection pond-turned-pool-party, as students waved black and gold pom poms and cheered "UCF! UCF!"

"This is a blast! There's more students here than last year," claimed one female student before she jumped into the pond.

Gretchen Lindsay, a senior, admit-

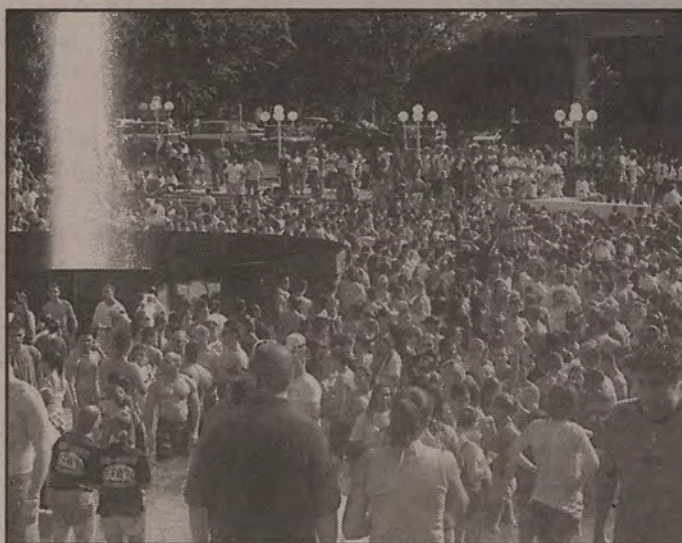
ted it was her first Spirit Splash. "I liked all the spirit - it pepped everyone up," she said. "You never get to see that many students at once on campus."

The music was supposed to end at 4 p.m., but Henry was also getting into the spirit. "I'll let them (95.3) go over, since everyone's out here having a good time." At 4:20 p.m. the event ended as Henry announced, "Okay, thanks for coming out everybody, but it's time to go home!"

The Spirit Splash was one of the 15 Homecoming events sponsored by CAB during the week of Oct 13 - 21. All the school spirit generated throughout the week pumped up the football team for its 55-0 victory over Louisiana-Monroe in UCF's twenty first Homecoming game.

**Students splash about in the University's \$500,000 reflection pond in front of Millican Hall. Those who attended brought items such as beach balls, super-soakers and surfboards.**

PHOTO BY ALEX ROMANIUK



## College Majors: A tough decision for many students

**RUTH HEIDT**  
STAFF WRITER

Choosing a major in college is a difficult task for many college students. It's the choice of deciding what someone is going to be doing for the rest of his or her life. This concept scares students and creates more pressure for them no matter which field they choose.

"It's one of the scariest concepts for me because I have to choose one thing that I will be doing for the rest of my life," said UCF student Carly Williams. High amounts of pressure are suddenly thrown upon students to become fully aware of their future. "The pressure is unbelievably strong for me to automatically know what I want now that I am a college student," added Williams.

Yet for many students, deciding on a major is a simple task.

"Having to choose a major was never a hard decision for me to make," said UCF student Becky Lane. "I have always found my home to be the theater." The students who are able to choose their major when they first enter college have a slight advantage because they can automatically start focusing on the classes they need to achieve their goals.

Many students, specifically freshman, are undecided. They are unsure of where they want to go. With this, several questions arise as to what steps should be taken if students have an undecided major on how to proceed with their college career.

One way to explore the options of different

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## news

## Many students fear changing majors

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majors is to take a variety of general education courses in various fields. Using this technique a student can try different areas and still meet the general education requirements without falling behind.

Many students are scared to change their major for fear that they will fall behind in general education classes and in their prerequisites for the major they decided to move to. College students tend to want to graduate in four years. "Falling behind is one of my biggest fears even though I already have my AA degree," said Williams. "I have changed my major three times since I have been in college."

Locating people that share your interests; professors, peers and other people in the community, helps many students. People who are involved in the same field are able to give students a better understanding of what the field entails. This extra knowledge gives students a perspective could not otherwise be explained in the classroom. This way a student will be able to tell if the field investigated is really what they are interested in. It also allows them to follow up on new possibilities.

Many students have a misconception when it comes to the word career. Investigating careers is the same as deciding on a major. A degree leads to the career students will have for the rest of their life.

Students are placed with advisers that are the most capable of helping and guiding students to make the right choices. Student's should not be afraid to ask them questions. They are there to help.

"This is one of the biggest decisions we're ever going to have to make," said Williams, "and although there are so many factors to discourage students from changing majors, the future depends on this decision."

## College Jobs

## From bottles to biology

"A day in the life of a bartender is never boring," said senior, Brian Zsiliski.

Brian spends his days going from class to class and then to Bennigans to greet customers from behind the bar. However, he commented that work was, "more like play than anything else." Yet there is some work behind the bar that the average customer does not see. Some of these duties can include refilling ice, carrying kegs, swinging bottles, and learning every drink known to man.

A bartender has to be constantly outgoing and friendly since his money depends solely on tips. Most bartenders are only paid \$2.13 an hour, depending on the restaurant and the night of the week one can make anywhere between \$60-150 a night by working an average of eight hours.

"It can be hard to be nice and friendly to someone on the other side of the bar when you've just stayed up all night before to take a biology test and you're

beyond tired. That's when the plastered on smile comes in handy," said Zsiliski. "Furthermore, the skills received in this job can definitely help your social standing at a party," he added.

Surprisingly though it is not that hard to get into this job. There are bartending classes

available constantly.

These classes take about six weeks and teach you everything from mixing drinks to throwing bottles.

After this class simply go apply at a restaurant.

Bartending is not for every college student though.

"You have to be one of those people who like to stay up late

every night, have no early morning classes, a fun personality and not be afraid of dropping a bottle or two at first," commented Zsiliski.

If you have these characteristics, it is a job that can be fun and rewarding and will pay the bills.



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# opinion

## Air Bag

The ramblings of Beth Shaw  
Staff Writer

### Watch out for the Mr. (Seems-Right)

The other night I decided to go out and have some fun. My ideal night involves a few drinks a little dancing and a lot of good friends. And I guess a cute, nice boy (like that ever happens) to talk to. Since I am not really into the hook up scene it is hard to find a guy looking for more than just booty.

I arrive at the club and begin to dance with my friends when I spot a hottie and give him the eye. He in turn looks back and appears interested. It begins. We dance and chit-chat and he seems to be a normal, friendly guy. Keyword here: seems. Much to my surprise he asks for my number instead of assuming that we will just hook up, which wasn't going to happen. I oblige and happily retire home for the night.

I get home around 2 a.m. and the phone rings at 3 a.m. It's him. At first I think maybe he's a stalker. I shake off the feeling and decide that maybe he just really wanted to talk to me again. He asks if we can hang out later that day (since it is the next day) and I tell him to call me at 10 p.m. after I get home from class. Sure enough, again to my surprise, he calls at 10 p.m. on the dot. We chat a little and he asks me to meet him at club.

I was slightly annoyed by this because I assumed when he said he wanted to hang out he meant movie or something a little more date-like. After an hour of deliberating what I should do, I get some friends together and we decide to

go. This is where things get crazy and the night becomes like my own little bizarre-o world.

Upon arrival the door guy is rude to me for not putting something in another paper I write for, for him about this club. Even though I have no say in the matter of ads and pictures in that paper he is still rude and doesn't get it. I would like to take this opportunity to say hi and thanks for being such a jerk. But I digress. That's a whole other story.

Once in the club I find it to be about 400 degrees and I am in black pants and a long sleeved shirt, which is partly my fault, but it was chilly that night.

I begin to dance and then I see him. He is sweating like a pig and dancing like a total maniac. I try to hide because I soon get the something's-not-right-here feeling in my stomach. He sees me and comes over. I try to have a conversation with him but he just tries to kiss me about 50 times. Each time trying to tongue rape me. Yeah, I know it's gross but I have to tell you all so that you understand my point, when I finally get to it. He then proceeds to tell me a million times to page him later (who carries pagers now anyway?) I froze. I didn't know what to say. My parents taught me to be courteous and I was so disgusted by the whole situation that I didn't know what to do. I felt violated and stupid for falling for some potentially insane guy.

Mr. Tongue Raper tells

me he has to go take a friend home and I am more than ready for him to do so. He leaves after trying to attack me again and I am relieved. But the night isn't over. A girl that I went out with who I don't know very well tells me she dated him for a week and he is just the insane lunatic I think he is. She let me know that's why they only went out for a week. Great. I go home feeling nauseated and pissed. I am angry at myself for not trusting my first instinct and not telling him to go away. I am also angry because this kid invaded my space so much and even though I was polite there is no way he couldn't have noticed how uncomfortable I was.

The next day I think I am in the clear I didn't page him and he will get the message. Unfortunately, when I get home from my 7 p.m. class I notice that my roommate has written on my dry erase board that he has called. AGGHHH! Now all I can do is pray he doesn't call again and that I won't see him again.

Let this be a lesson to all of you. Guys, please don't think that just because a girl gave you her number and met you somewhere that you can physically annoy her and get all up in her space. Some girls may be like that, but I hate to tell you, the nice ones aren't. And girls, I know you have all been there. Please watch out for this one. He may seem normal but he isn't.

I guess this is what I get for complaining that my life is boring.

## Independent sounds too good to be true

KRISTA ZILIZI  
STAFF WRITER

When SGA struck up a deal with the Orlando Sentinel to provide free weekday newspapers to all UCF students, the deal sounded too good to be true. The deal was too good to be true. The Sentinels were not free, but cost \$60,000 of student activity fees. But the added bonus, which would compensate for the \$60,000 spent, was that the Sentinel would publish a bi-monthly insert called The Independent. The publication was intended to be completely student-controlled providing students a forum to express their "issue-oriented perspectives."

While this insert was a small step, it could have been a step in the right direction. It could have provided students at UCF a forum to express their views and display their writing, in an official and professional publication.

Unfortunately, The Independent is neither official nor professional. In fact the publication is so absurdly amateur, it's not fit to be called a publication. It's actually a four page flyer photo-copied in

black and white with one distorted graphic slapped on the cover page of every issue. It contains no news, no campus events or information. Instead it is a collection of opinion articles that rarely ever address serious student issues.

Moreover, the articles meet little or none of the style, grammar and punctuation rules that are standards of journalism. Stories are not split into paragraphs or columns and they read like essays that rant and rave, but never get to the point. A common spelling error or two in every other sentence suggests that perhaps the staff is unfamiliar with the spell-check option that most computers are equipped with. An option the staff does appear to be familiar with is the underline key, which explains why every article title and byline is underlined. And in recent weeks, the insert has mysteriously failed to even appear in the Sentinel on its designated dates.

The Independent editor-in-chief, Karen Brenneman has hailed the Sentinel for their help in developing this publication.

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## Just spit it out already

ADAM SHIVER  
STAFF WRITER

While sitting in class this past week, I found myself bored to tears. So bored in fact I had time to write this article and another.

My professor, whose class meets only once a week, was lecturing, as she does each session. The only difference this week was that I found myself with the insatiable urge to jab an ice pick into my ear.

My professor constantly drones on about the same old stuff. This however is not the worst of it. She has a very bad habit of saying 'ummmm' after almost every sentence. I can understand her saying it every once in a while, but this professor averages saying 'ummmm' once every 10 seconds. Yes, that's right, one 'ummmm' every 10 seconds. Ahhh!

Now I know you must think that I am

exaggerating, but I kid-you-not. I actually counted how many times that horrid sound came from her mouth over a period of five minutes, and averaged it.

It would seem to me, a professor would not have such a hard time speaking in front of a bunch of college students. Isn't speech a required undergraduate class? Apparently not in the College of Education.

For the money these professors get paid I feel they should be able to speak to students without all the 'ummmms' and certainly without putting me to sleep. I understand if the content of the lecture is what bores me, but the professor should definitely not 'ummmm' me to death. This is ridiculous.

Please professors, ummmm, I beg of you to, ummmm, learn to speak to your classes.

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# opinion

## Give it to us straight guys

KYM SOLURI  
STAFF WRITER

Ok ladies, its time to bond. We've all been there; there being a hellish place. A place that sucks us in and won't let us go. A place we know is bad for us, but we get so comfortable we never want to leave. A place where suddenly we're not the most important person in our own lives. It's a relationship. We devote our lives to one particular man. We cook for him, do his laundry, cater to his every need. We give ourselves to him. And what do we get for it, nothing.

Doesn't it anger you that they can never tell us the truth? They're afraid to hurt us, so they say.

A few months ago I was dumped. After a year of giving my all, he kicked me to the curb. My rear end still hurts, not to mention my heart. I thought we were happy, and certainly didn't see the end coming. I'm not really hurt by it anymore. I just have a few qualms with his methods. These methods were not original to him, most I'd heard before. He just kind of grabbed a handful, threw them at me, and hoped I'd buy at least one. At first I did. I tried not to hold it against him, which was easy because I loved him. I think at first I was in shock that after a year of my life being dedicated to him, he wasn't there anymore.

Once the shock wore off I got angry. Not that he dumped me but that he wasn't a man about it.

We've all heard his excuses. I think every guy has used at least one, and I'm sure many girls have used a variety of one or another.

The first being it was too serious for him.

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## GRAY MATTERS

CHRISTOPHER ZAPATIER

As a self-professed agoraphobic, I generally avoid theme parks like hemophiliacs avoid knife-jugglers. But I have always had a soft spot for Halloween, so when Universal Studios began saturating every earthly form of media with advertisements for Halloween Horror Nights 10, my curiosity was piqued. And when my friend Eric told me that he could get tickets for only \$26, I assumed I was getting a deal.

I entered Universal at approximately 9:30 p.m., and felt like the only young, healthy cow in an old, medicated herd. It was so overcrowded I had to run football patterns just to advance five yards per minute.

I met my party just as they exited the venue formerly known as "Kongfrontation," but dubbed "Nightmare Creatures" for the October festivities. My group was sorely disappointed that they had waited nearly an hour for a couple of strolling zombies. My friend Josh metaphorically commented, "the payoff was not worth the investment." Little did I know this statement would be the leit motif for the entire evening.

We proceeded to another haunted house and waited in line for at least another painstaking hour. When we finally entered, I thought

we had accidentally detoured down an empty hallway. The only obstacles I encountered were hanging pieces of fabric and plastic, and the only thing I saw was painted scenery that looked like the set of a middle-school play.

Having spent \$26, I refused to give up hope. I kept telling myself that any moment a cavalcade of animated and costumed monstrosities would emerge from the darkness to scare the living daylights out of me. Not so. The attraction was so devoid of life that I began to wonder if the actors had gone on strike.

We migrated to another haunted house. This one was located in the building that usually houses the "Earthquake" ride. The line moved slower than a New York City cop answering a call to a black neighborhood, meandered as far as the eye could see, and frequently doubled back. How long we waited in that line I cannot say, for my mind cannot conceive of such an interminable increment of time. When the train was opened for boarding, exhausted patrons collapsed into the tram's seats. The truck slid, the fire roared and the water poured. Then I saw the lamest excuse for a monster that I have seen since I watched Godzilla Versus Mothra; the fabled Jack. Jack was nothing more than some jackass in a clown costume.

At best he was a sub-standard knockoff of Stephen King's Pennywise. And because his face was hidden under a mask the size of Rosie O'Donnell's head, the performer's mouth was not visible to the crowd. So he fruitlessly tried to mime the audience into fright by leaping about in synchronicity with a monologue blasting from a McDonald's drive-thru speaker.

The "Earthquake" lasted two minutes, tops. When it abruptly ended, I was quite certain that irate patrons were going to form a mob and begin rioting. Just in the nick of time, a Universal employee appeared and summoned the crowd into another room. A few more minutes of waiting. Alas we were admitted to an attraction that was almost worth the wait. "Dark Torment" seemed to go on for a quarter mile. The house had plenty of sharp turns and dark corners where costumed scare actors laid in wait for hapless victims. There were scenery changes and all manner of creepy vegetation and ghoulish fauna.

By the time we got out of Dark Torment it was 1 a.m. and I had only seen two of five haunted houses. I had just enough time to visit one final attraction.

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## opinion

## Letter to the Editor

## 'Reader finds little humor in article'

I read with interest last week, the story, "Student Finds Humor in 'Holy Rollers.'"

I have never attended your University or even visited your campus. I came across the story via an e-mail sent to me by the gentleman in the photograph that accompanied the story, Mitch Metxger.

I was a bit saddened at the writer's 'take' and judgemental attitude, but suppose that comes with the juvenile territory. I think a more balanced approach would have been a short interview with the 'Preacher' to get the whole story.

You see, our family has been associated with the 'religious group' that was represented that day. Maturity reveals that

not everyone responds to God the same way or the sharing of him. What works for one, may not fit for the other. What always remains constant, for the committed Christian, is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You can't 'paint' Christians with the broad sweep of the paint brush. We don't all choose to share Christ in the same way, but will defend our right to bring the message.

The writer told on himself as he declared his agnostic position. The slant on the story was obvious.

Guess what? He heard the message....and that was the whole point.

-Mary Kay Armstrong

## Apathy runs rampant with student voter

CHRISTIE ZIZO  
STAFF WRITER

Three Fridays ago, Al Gore and Joe Lieberman attended the Democratic rally at Lake Eola in downtown Orlando.

Bummed that I could not attend the rally, I was glad to hear that "Rock the Vote" would be at the Union.

When I got there I couldn't help but notice that under the "Rock the Vote" tent was a table dedicated to presidential candidate George W. Bush and running mate Dick Cheney. Bush supporters handed out informa-

tion. My first thought was not how a non-partisan event like "Rock the Vote," which is dedicated to registering people our age to vote, could have a table for Bush under their tent and not so much as pamphlets outlining Gore's platform. My first thought was were the Gore supporters grabbing a table and fighting for their candidate?

We have a College Republican organization on campus, and I know we have a College Democrat organization on campus. But the College Republicans are pretty active. Where are the Democrats? How come I never see them passing out flyers around campus, or at least grabbing a table? Even if the Democratic rally was the same day, why didn't the College democrats know about the event? Why didn't the Orlando Democratic Party know about the event? The whole purpose of

a campaign is to let the public know about the candidates running for office. If one campaign is more active than another, than the public will be more apt to vote the campaign they hear the most about.

And no wonder voter turnout in our age group is so low. No one ever reminds us when the election is. All the political parties have to do is get out there and make sure students know.

I challenge party Democrats to get out there and fight for your candidate. And the Green Party, so adamantly opposed to both Bush and Gore.

If you want to ever get your party registered, if you ever want Ralph Nader to have a prayer of winning, get out there and fight! Pass out those pamphlets and buttons. Don't stop until every student knows what your candidate is all about!

## Corrections and retractions

In the Oct. 18 issue of the Future, a headline on pg. 5 was printed wrong. The headline should have read 'Ski Club funds transferred.'

Horrornights  
a good time

FROM PAGE 11

I had heard nothing but good things about the Bill and Ted's stage show and wanted to see for myself what all the hoopla was about. Bill and Ted's - performed at the Wild West Stunt Show stadium - was Halloween Horror Night's coupe de grace.

I filed into the final show at 1:30 a.m. The production was a theatrical spectacle of Broadway proportions. I was thoroughly impressed by how well rehearsed the production was. Every dance step, sound effect and character entrance was right on cue. There were jokes, impersonated celebrities, popular music and choreographed dancing. If not for this one attraction, I would have taken the name of every single customer who felt that they did not get his or her money's worth that night and filed a class-action lawsuit against Universal.

The gist of the plot was that Montgomery Burns (of "The Simpsons" fame) had kidnapped some of today's hottest pop artists including Britney Spears and N'Sync, and planned to do something I can't quite remember with Napster. Bill and Ted somehow come across the evil plot, and with the help of assorted good guys like The Rock and Mission Impossible's Tom Cruise, battle the villains and save the day.

If you have the time to kill and \$30 to burn, go check out Halloween Horror Nights. You will probably have a pretty good time if you follow these three simple rules: Go on a week-night. Get there the minute they open. Go as soon as possible. The park gets busier as Halloween draws closer.

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## opinion

### It wasn't the relationship he didn't want

FROM PAGE 11

Knowing how guys are, I made sure it was what he wanted. We all know there's nothing worse than a guy who was forced to be serious. But I didn't force him; he had just as much control as me. After a year it's hard not to be serious. And it's not like once you're serious you can really go back. It just doesn't work that way.

My favorite part of the equation was the "I don't deserve you." First of all, if that were true shouldn't I be the one dumping him because he wasn't good enough for me. I mean I know I am a handful of woman, but whether he deserved me or not is a ridiculous excuse. How about the truth: "You're not the type of girl I want to be with."

The "not wanting to be serious"-thing and "I don't deserve you," automatically leads to "I'm young, I want to have fun." We all want to have fun; I

can understand that. He said he didn't want to be in a relationship. I can respect that. Well at least I did respect that, until I found out that a month after he dumped me, he was in another relationship. Not dating someone else, he had a new girlfriend. By this point they had moved full-fledged into their lovey-dovey romance world. Hopefully she doesn't get too wrapped up in it, but trust me, it's easy to do. When he feels stuck, he's going to run. Everything gets old.

It wasn't the relationship he didn't want, it was me he wanted no part of. I'm sure he thought he was saving me undue pain by withholding this information. But, I'd obviously figure it out. We have mutual friends and we live in the same city and go to the same school. It might be a big city but we all know that when we don't want to see someone, we do. It was that he didn't have the guts to tell me the truth. Yes, it would have hurt, but I was already hurting. Come on, show some respect. Tell me the truth. I can take it; I'm a big girl. That's not too

much to ask.

Every excuse he gave left out the permanent aspect of the breakup. He made it sound like it was some sort of a phase that he couldn't help and didn't like. Like he was a victim. We're all grown-ups here, why can't everyone act like it. I can deal with the truth as can the rest of my gender. No one likes to be lied to, no matter what the good intentions are. We're also not stupid. We can see through these excuses. Sometimes we might not be able to figure out what really happened, and that's often harder than the breakup. Can't we just have some closure? Give it to us straight boys. We can handle it. If we can put up with all of your stuff than we can put up with the truth. I know these actions aren't singular to the male gender, but I'd like to think we're at least a little bit better. I'd also like to think that not all males are like this. So far I haven't found the exception but I'm still looking. But I fear I might be becoming a skeptic and certainly a pessimist.

### Student finds use for biweekly publication

FROM PAGE 10

What exactly have they helped develop? What has SGA accomplished with this new publication? It's appalling that The Independent is the garbage we've received for a deal that cost UCF students \$60,000. What is more disturbing is that Brenneman has credited the Sentinel for helping to develop The Independent when it is very evident that they have not. The Sentinel has not and does not produce anything this poor in quality and doubtfully would encourage or aid students in producing anything that was.

"And where's your article?" is the teaser that appears underneath the staff box at the end of each Independent issue. My article is right here, as far away from The Independent as I can physically keep it. In my article, I urge students who wish to go on to pursue successful writing careers, to guard your works of writing with your life, so they may never fall into the hands of an Independent staff person.

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## HOMECOMING COVERAGE

### Off With Their Heads

DAVID TAYLOR

STAFF WRITER

With October comes many things, the occasional nagging presidential debate, repeated *Friday the 13th* showings on the USA Network and of course the obvious, Halloween itself. As a sort of precursor to the latter, CAB (or Campus Activities Board for those students who have been living in a small hole) has a series of events planned, just one of which occurred the night of Monday, Oct. 16.

On that night, at approximately 8 p.m., CAB presented *Sleepy Hollow* to the UCF population. The event took place on the "grassy knoll" in front of the library and behind the reflecting pond. The giant screen used to display the film was erected in front of Millican Hall, equipped with speakers so loud that even Beethoven would have been able to hear them. The turnout appeared to be generally good, for many a UCF student donned their towels and blankets to lay about the grass like cows. Also, before and during the show CAB passed out plastic cups full of popcorn, one of which held a sort of coupon inside which could be presented for a prize (a free *Sleepy Hollow* DVD presumably, possessing a love/hate relationship with popcorn after working at a movie theater for six months, I failed to pay attention).

As for the movie itself, *Sleepy Hollow* came out last November. The film was directed by Tim Burton and starred Johnny Depp and Christina Ricci, a combination that met with modest box office success. For those who have not seen the movie, the story involves a spirit known as the Headless Horseman who goes around chopping off, you guessed it, heads. In brief, Depp's character Ichabod Crane is sent to investigate the events and falls in love with Christina Ricci only before discovering a conspiracy among the townsfolk of Sleepy Hollow. Personally I thought the film was a bit over-hyped, but was nevertheless entertaining to watch. The film is very violent, especially in the decapitation department, although it did not bother me considering I am a product of the video game industry. Anyway, aside from the violence, the other factor that makes half of the movie is the cleavage department. It seems every female character in the film is bearing it all, or at least half, to the audience. Given that Christina Ricci is in the film, this fact is a given, but almost all the other actresses follow her example to the letter. By the way, was I the only one who thought Ichabod's mom was hot? Well, that is before she was put into the iron maiden.

Nevertheless, *Sleepy Hollow* seemed to garner a positive reaction amongst the crowd present. Therefore, the event achieved its predestined goal of light-hearted entertainment. Afterwards, LEAD Scholars and several "Greeks" volunteered to clean up the place. However, many of the viewers did so themselves, so the job was very quick and efficient.



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# Knights on Stage

LISA DURRANCE

STAFF WRITER

One of the many UCF Homecoming activities was Skit Knight last Tuesday in the UCF Arena. The Arena was packed with students to watch different organizations put on skits that were under ten minutes and incorporated the Homecoming theme Nightmare and UCF spirit.

However, the audience displayed enough spirit that not too much more needed to be created. Anytime there was a break, groups of students began to cheer their organization name and usually there was a UCF tagged onto the end. Some of the groups involved included Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Delta Delta Delta, Pi Kappa Alpha, LEAD Scholars, Zeta Tau Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and several other fraternities and sororities. Overall, there were about ten different skits, but only three of them were really entertaining.

After the introductions of the judges and the homecoming activities board, the skits began. LEAD Scholars started off, and they presented an entertaining skit. They basically had fun mocking the major pop artists such as Christina Aguilera, Britney Spears, and Justin Timberlake from \*NSYNC. The scene they did with Britney and Justin on a date was the funniest of the night.

The skits went on a downward spiral after a fun beginning. They all started to sound the same after a while, and most of them were just a few short scenes of dialogue that said something about urban legends and UCF and then they all broke out into some big dance scene. There were a lot of poorly integrated dance routines and lip-synching acts. But, it was apparent that a lot of time and hard work went into making the backgrounds, props, costumes, and choreography. And more importantly, everyone involved was having fun, which, in the end, is what this was all about.

The night did end on a good note. Delta Delta Delta and Pi Kappa Alpha gave a good performance. They did a spoof from the movie *The Goonies*, where they impersonated the characters and they had to find all of the pieces to the broken Pegasus seal in order to restore the spirit at UCF. It was a rather humorous journey, and they had awesome dance routines that were pretty well incorporated into their skit. Another good one was the Zeta Tau Alpha and Sigma Alpha Epsilon skit. They did a Scooby Doo spoof where they had to find the missing cheerleader so that she could bring spirit to everyone.

Unfortunately, those two and the LEAD Scholars skit were the only ones that were enjoyable. Also, the event could have been a lot better if the switches between groups was more efficient. It took about ten to fifteen minutes to change groups between each skit, and after three hours, those Arena bleachers are not the most comfortable places to sit. Also, it was very hard to hear what was going on because of the cheering from the crowd and the poor sound system.

Overall, Skit Knight was not a huge success. By the end of the night, the full house was half full. But, they weren't competing for any major acting or dance awards, they were just up there to have a good time and support their school. They did that very well. Only one award was given - the award for best dance. For a small organization, FCA took the trophy, and for a large organization, Delta Epsilon and Pi Beta Phi were the champions. The rest of the winners were announced on Saturday before the homecoming game. There were many organizations involved, and that says a lot about UCF and our student body. So, even though most of those involved shouldn't change to a theatre major, kudos to them for being involved in their school and having a good time.



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## entertainment

# Busted Eardrums?

ELAINE LEBLANC  
STAFF WRITER

Woo-ha! Woo-ha! Big Sky, Cowboy Mouth and Busta Rhymes fired up approximately 10,000 Knights at the Homecoming concert on Oct. 18 at the arena.

The concert began at 4 p.m. with a set from Big Sky, a local pop/rock group that often plays at Sapphire Supper Club in downtown Orlando. The band warmed up the crowd with an overwhelming energy and enthusiasm. "I had never heard them play before," said sophomore Jason Killingsworth, "but Big Sky was really good and had great stage presence." According to Michelle Woolley, a member of the Campus Advisory Board (CAB) Homecoming Committee: "The concert was really a diverse group of musicians. Big Sky was great and really set the audience up for the other bands."

Next, Cowboy Mouth hit the stage. As the sun set and more people arrived, the Louisiana group provided a country rock/punk sound. "They seemed more mainstream and kind of rockabilly, and it was cool for me to hear a new kind of sound," said senior Jason Broline.

Finally, at about 8 p.m., headliner Busta Rhymes came on. Joined by Spliff, a member from the Flipmode Squad, a blue-suited Busta rapped crowd favorites like "Gimmie Some More" and "Fire." During the performance, Busta took a break on stage and asked the crowd if anyone had marijuana. One concertgoer reportedly threw a joint to him. Busta debated whether to smoke it and asked permission from someone off-stage. He decided against it, put the joint in his pocket and promised to smoke it after the show. Next, Busta asked, "Who's gonna f\*ck me tonight?" and one female in the audience bared her breasts.

Near the end of the show, Spliff and Busta joked about "magic water" that could make them rap faster. Busta, popularly recognized for his ability to rap very quickly, drank the water. "He did two songs like he was in fast-forward," said junior Robin Whipple. "It was phat to hear someone flow so fast."

Many people had different opinions of the show, specifically of Busta Rhymes. "It felt weird to be in a crowd of tame white people at a Busta concert," said junior Dave Blankman. Also, some were offended by the content and profanity Busta Rhymes included. "I can't believe CAB paid to have someone so appalling and offensive perform for UCF Homecoming," said junior Katie Auger. "The first bands were great, but Busta Rhymes was just obscene."

On the other hand, many appreciated the choice. "It was awesome to have Busta," said junior Karine Trudel. "I thought the show was energetic and fun." Another student agreed. Freshman Sergio Cesario said: "I can't complain. The show was my favorite price: free."

To determine who would perform this year, CAB selected a concert committee to brainstorm potential musicians. Its list was brought before the entire CAB organization, but the director, Elyse Skislak, makes the final decision, according to Phil McDaniel, CAB Student Director. After positive feedback from the outdoors concert two years ago, CAB elected to hold the concert outside, instead of in the arena, as was done last year. Also, many seemed to prefer having the concert on Wednesday, instead of Saturday after the football game, according to McDaniel.



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## Squeaky RIDES AND Greasy FOOD? COOL!

KIM LINDQUIST

STAFF WRITER

If there is a number one motto to live by here at UCF, it's free stuff equals good stuff. The Homecoming Carnival was no exception. It was as if a piece of the

kind of carnival we would expect here at school. As students entered the area, flying T-shirts attacked us. Two minutes haven't even gone by since our entrance and we were

wheel that spins people so fast they get stuck to the wall and a ride with four cars that spun around each other. After avoiding the giant Ferris wheel that looked too scary and too high to ride, we opted for the smaller, yellow one. A sincere wish for those who are terrified of carnival rides: I hope you did not go on this ride. This seemingly innocent Ferris wheel turned into a ride scarier than most theme park rides. There were cars on a circle that spun around once someone pushed against them while the wheel turned. Most people can't say that they have seen the UCF Arena parking lot upside down at a hundred feet in the air, but thanks to that ride, I can.

After screaming so loud our throats were sore and being welcomed by clowns on stilts, we were ready for the rest of the carnival rides. The other ones were pretty much the same as the one we had just ridden: scary and loud. However, students all seemed to be enjoying scaring themselves. Everyone was either laughing or screaming on every ride.

After experiencing the rides, the next best thing was the concession stand. Here they served all the foods you would expect of a carnival, including candy apples and other good stuff—we're-not-supposed-to-eat. After getting food, students could try for a chance at the numerous free items that were being given out at this event. After receiving a UCF Homecoming 2000 shirt, there were also free bottles of water to take advantage of and a contest where students could enter to win a whole bag full of good stuff after filling out a short survey about cars. A special area and a lady who sung songs for them also entertained the younger siblings of students.

This was a great event to start off getting into the UCF Homecoming spirit. If you didn't go, you really missed out on a fun time.



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The Man couldn't keep this carnival down!

Central Florida Fair planted itself outside the arena on Oct. 18. There were rides, concession stands and a stage on the far end of the parking lot.

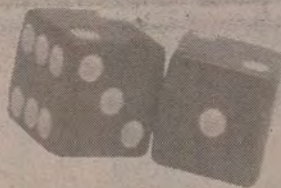
After following loud music out to the Arena parking lot, we saw a scene that looked – well, not like a parking lot. A Ferris wheel? Concession stands? This is not the

already getting cool stuff from a girl onstage. This was a very good way to start the carnival experience as a crowd of about 100 went jumping in the air trying to snatch the goods.

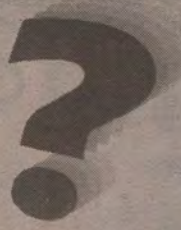
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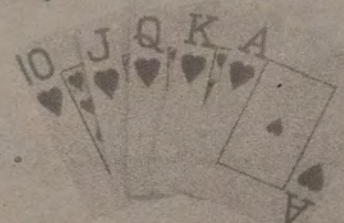
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## Comedy Troupe Scores

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Homecoming week is filled with all kinds of events and activities for students to attend, show their school spirit, and have a good time. Last Thursday, CAB had a comedy troupe come to UCF all the way from Chicago. They were called the Second City Touring Company. Not being aware of who they were, I decided to check out their web site and find out about them. It turned out that their alumni includes people such as Chris Farley, Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray, and George Wendt, just to name a few. Impressed with these names, I went to the arena hoping to have a good time.

The night started off at 9 p.m. when the lights went out. One of their six members got onstage and began playing an acoustic version of "OOPS! I Did It Again." Another cast member then walked onstage and shot him, followed by a great reaction from the crowd. They had a lot of originality and a truly unique stage performance different from what you'd expect to see here.

Comprised of three males and three females, Second City goes through a ton of different "scenes," some being ten seconds long and others being five minutes long. The show was split into two acts that were each about 45 minutes long. There was a ten-minute inter-

mission in between act. During the break, CAB members threw out Homecoming 2000 T-shirts and water bottles.

Although a lot of the scenes in the first act were

props were used during the performance. The first two acts were comprised of "scenes." After those were done, and they took their final bow, they told the audience that they were going to do some improv comedy and that

"anyone who wanted to stick around, could." They did improv for a little while, and then played a game called "Freeze." Most people who have seen improv comedy before should be familiar with this game. All six members stand on the stage, and two at a time (usually) they act out a scene that's completely being made up on the spot. They continue the scene until one of the other four people say "Freeze" and tap them on the shoulder to resume a scene starting from the same actions the last scene ended with. It's not as confusing as it sounds.

To end the night, Second City had the audience choose three vocabulary words with as many symbols as possible. They then had two of the members make believe they were in a presidential debate while the other four people act out the vocabulary words. The goal is to get the two "debaters" to try and figure out what actions they are doing.

This performance is hard to describe. It's just something you'd have to see on your own. Definitely give it a shot if you get the chance. It was a great night.



PHOTO BY HALEY CABRERA

Second City Touring Company thinks free UCF Homecoming T-shirts are swell!

good, it was the second act that was really funny. The show can be described as a mix between "Saturday Night Live" and "Whose Line Is It Anyway." The set consists of just four chairs, which makes it really interesting to see what they are going to do next. Only a few

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and pillage the countryside or be posterchildren for a society looking to get behind a movement.

Trevor's epiphany first takes shape by allowing a homeless heroin junkie (Jim Caveziel) to bunk in for the night while his mother, Arlene (Helen Hunt), is working one of her two jobs. Arlene is a good mother but she has also fallen off the wagon due to the constraints of raising a child as a single parent, plus the nagging hindrance of herself being a child of an alcoholic, wah. Soon Trevor tells his idea of helping three separate people who in turn help three other people to Mr. Simonet as well as his class, explaining the purpose of paying it forward (as opposed to paying someone "back"), and how, as if it was some sort of bad publicity campaign, it can reach all corners of the globe. Much unlike most public school educators in the real world, Simonet takes up a deep friendship with the boy wonder who, at the same time, looks to help his sullen teacher by trying to get him boinked by his mother, aughhhh.

Director Mimi Leder and screenwriter Lesile Dixon make it a point above anything else that we need to feel sorry for these people. The sympathy that is demanded from the audience comes by way of the loneliness on the screen. And while there are moments of light comedy, the humor depends on attitude. Still however, the cast can do no wrong. As Simonet, Kevin Spacey conveys a scarred (both physical and emotional) man looking for someone to help him win back the days he lost as a child.

Helen Hunt's Arlene, bleached and tired, fights to regain dignity after being left to care for her child once her husband walked out on them. There is the subplot of Eugene and Arlene finding each other because of Trevor; as two troubled people, a bond convincingly forms (which the filmmakers handle quite well), but beyond just their story lays two or three more side stories that feel convoluted and rushed. As a reporter learning of this movement, Jay Mohr wines his way through some of the people that have been helped from paying it forward, determined to find the bleeding heart from which it originated.

So, for almost two hours we share in the plight of these three unfortunates trying to overcome the obstacles life has so undeservingly forced on to them until something so unexpected happens we have no choice but to fold as a sympathetic audience. We are used, manipulated by the pretense of the picture. I would like to think that this wasn't the sole purpose of the film, but nothing else convinced me otherwise. Leder places the characters in the Byzantine Empire of broken hope: Las Vegas, Nevada. Overlooking the promise of what could happen because of Trevor's heroic deed, the script decides to make a superficial statement about society. This film cannot and will not change the world, it takes them almost the duration of their story to say what I just told you, so what exactly is the point?

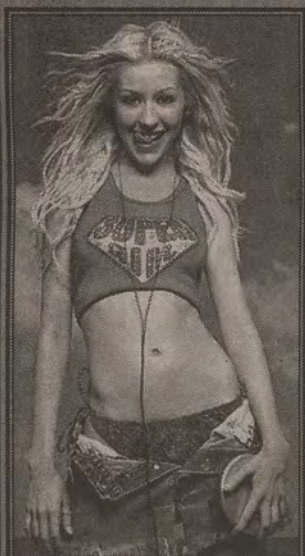
It is the arrogance stemming from the idealism of its creators that makes *Pay it Forward* fail miserably. The commandment is spotlighting the ever-liberal aphorism

on how to play your part in saving the decrepit world. Helping your neighbor is a gesture that most of us, at one time or another, have been able to do. So what, primates pick bugs off of each other's backsides, we're not telling them the right way to do it. But Leder and crew think they have the solution. What they are saying is "Look, we have the answer--you don't--but it can never work because we as a people are generally too f\*cked up; but at least we're addressing the problem, what are you doing?" You should pay no attention to what they are trying to preach. With enough contrivances to fill two Ann Jillian/Lifetime movies and an ending so erroneously thought out, it would just make you roll your eyes instead of needing to dry them.

I pay it forward everyday by driving on the East-West Expressway without missing a toll. Or when I call my mother just to tell her I love her, or even when I'm at my favorite nudie bar and I place an extra buck in a girl's garter—certain people in Hollywood think that I should be doing more, but what has Hollywood done for me lately?



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## Rage Against the Machine Loses Their Singer

Rage Against the Machine's frontman, Zack De La Rocha, has decided to leave the group. In a statement, De La Rocha stated that the group could no longer work together as a whole. "I feel that it is now necessary to leave Rage because our decision-making process has completely failed," he said in the statement. "It is no longer meeting the aspirations of all four of us collectively as a band, and from my perspective, has undermined our artistic and political ideal. I am extremely proud of our work, both as activists and musicians, as well as indebted and grateful to every person who has expressed solidarity and shared this incredible experience with us." The rifts between the group occurred when they were supposed to go on tour with the



Beastie Boys. Rage cancelled that tour largely because De La Rocha was anxious about beginning his solo album. Also at the recent MTV

Video Music Awards, the group's bassist, Tim Commerford, climbed onstage and was escorted out by security. Sources close to the band say the incident angered De La Rocha, who walked out of Radio City Music Hall afterward. In response to De La Rocha's statement, guitarist Tom Morrello said that he agrees "the decision-making process has broken down for everyone. I have no hard feelings, and we wish Zack well with his (solo) project." The group is planning to release an album of studio cover-songs this fall.

## Aguilera Sues Her Former Manager

Christina Aguilera has filed a lawsuit against her former manager, Steven Kurtz, claiming fraud and



HARMEET SIDHU, STAFF WRITER

breach of fiduciary duty. Kurtz has been Aguilera's manager since she was 17. In the suit, she claims that he used "improper, undue and inappropriate" influence over her career. Aguilera's suit also claims that Kurtz management team, Marquee Management, "was a sham" in an effort to get her to sign a contract that would allow Kurtz 20 percent of her overall "commissionable income." Kurtz has issued a statement saying that he may file a claim himself on the grounds that Aguilera's suit "appears to be nothing other than a transparent and misguided attempt by Christina to avoid her financial and contractual obligations to me."

## Murphy Helps Out Actors' Strike

Eddie Murphy is the latest to help the striking actors' union relief fund. He donated \$100,000 to the Screen Actors Guild Foundation. Members of SAG and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists began the walkout on May 1. They are protesting the pay rates for actors in commercials. Other celebrities who have contributed large amounts of money are Nicolas Cage (\$200,000) and Harrison Ford, Helen Hunt, Kevin Spacey and Bruce Willis (\$100,000 each). There are talks that there may



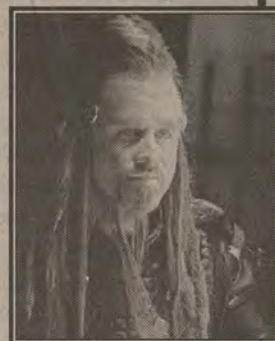
be a walkout amongst movie and TV series actors next year. This strike is the first big Hollywood labor dispute in a dozen years.

## 98 Degrees Member Gets Married

Drew Lachey of 98 Degrees married his long time sweetheart Lea Dellecave at the Covenant First Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, OH. The couple attended the School for the Creative and Performing Arts in Cincinnati. Three of the four group members attended SCPA (Justin Jeffre, Drew and Nick Lachey). They recently went back there to make a financial donation to the school. They have known each other since fifth grade. Dellecave is a choreographer and an onstage dancer for 98 Degrees. After their honeymoon, the couple will remain together while 98 Degrees performs starting December 2.

## Battlefield Earth 2?

The critically rebuffed *Battlefield Earth* may have a sequel. John Travolta, who has been criticized immensely for the movie flop, was a big fan of the movie. The movie was based on a science fiction novel written by the founder of Scientology, L. Ron Hubbard. Travolta is a scientologist and said, "The bottom line is that I feel really good about it. Here I was taking big chances, breaking new genre." At a recent press conference for his new movie *Lucky Numbers*, Travolta was asked if there would be a sequel to *Battlefield Earth*. His response, "Sure. Yeah." *Battlefield Earth* has been called one of the worst movies of the year.

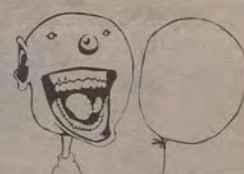


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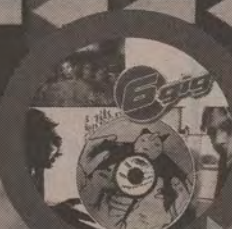
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J Mascis hasn't given completely into pop yet, but on the ex-Dinosaur Jr. frontman's latest, he delves more deeply into the genre than ever. This isn't to say that the trademark guitar screeching and Mascis' own growly whine are gone, but they're more effectively intertwined with his evolving sense of melody. Songs like "Can't Take This On," "Does the Kiss Fit," and "Wastin'" are almost cheery, although deceptively so. It might not win over scads of new listeners, but *More Light* is a triumphant return, and showcases J Mascis at his alterna-iconoclast best. Tracks to swear by: "More Light," "Sameday" — GPA: 3.3

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## Pay No Mind

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"I have always relied on the kindness of strangers."  
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Cinematically speaking, there is an ultra fine line between trying to inspire and flat out gross manipulation. Of course, most "thought-provoking" films come with a certain degree of flair, which an audience may attain to and decide whether or not they want to buy into whatever is being dramatically stated. Taking sides and forming opinions usually start to gel even before the movie is over, insofar as relating to certain characters and deciding whether to agree with their motives, watching them as you hope they will play out the way you would want them to. For a film to have a lasting affect, the cause can neither intimidate, to the point where it would begin to segregate its audience, nor can it be too soft where it can be easily revoked as gratuitous sap.

And to its only credit, *Pay it Forward* tries—for the first fifteen minutes at least—not to be unilateral in what it is trying to say. Oh, how it wants to be a great movie;

you can almost sense what the filmmakers and actors will say while promoting it around the tube. There will be segments on Oprah dedicated to highlighting those thoughtful individuals and the goods deeds that were accomplished just by showing the humane side of their spirits. In the paper we'll run across a photograph of a kindergarten class from Topeka paint-

ing the side of a barn, or maybe a sorority from Miami having a "Guns for Hugs" campaign. We will start to feel invigorated to help other people because Hollywood wants us to! In light of the vulgarity and perverseness that spreads from the amoral high ground of Southern California, here stands alone a true picture of worth and means to help because that is what Warner Brothers and director Mimi Leder had in mind all along.

Bullsh\*t. While its intentions are noble, *Pay it Forward* is not the film it claims to be; and what is more revolting are the people who will cling to it's "message," falsely interpreting a mere showcase of extreme acting talent as the example of how to better their lives. This two-hour lie starts just as 11-year-old Trevor McKinney (Haley Joel Osment) begins the seventh grade. Of course, being more perceptive than the typical middle-schooler has its disadvantages, but Trevor soon learns to put his quick thinking and heavy heart to good use when his social studies teacher, Eugene Simonet (Kevin Spacey) gives this assignment: think of an idea that could help change the world. That's a tall order considering most 11-year-olds are still trying to remember to bathe everyday. What kind of kid really wants to change the entire world when he first can't seem to figure out how to obtain every secret code to Madden 2000? Well, see poor Trevor comes from a broken home, and according to La-La-Land scripture, boys like him are either destined to rape

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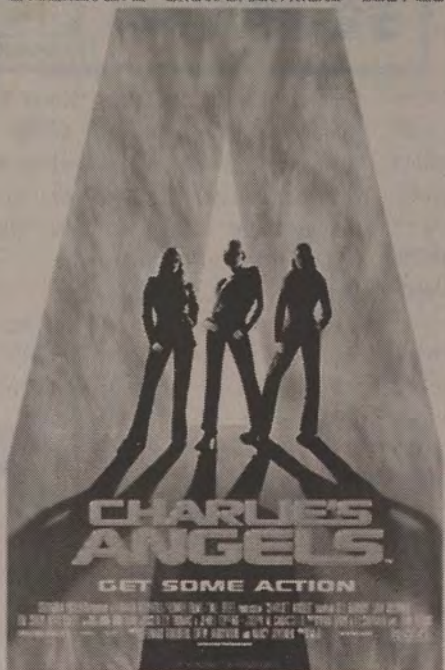
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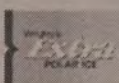
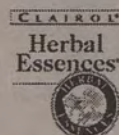


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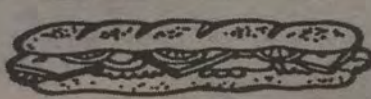
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-- A Quebec-based sect, the Raelians, announced in September that it would start work immediately, in an unidentified Third World country's laboratory, toward cloning a human being, specifically the American girl who died recently at the age of 10 months and whose parents paid the Raelians \$500,000 to duplicate her. According to a Princeton University researcher, the technology exists right now to carry out the work within a year. Founder "Rael" (the former Claude Vorilhon) believes that all humans are clones of extraterrestrials and says Raelians could eventually offer a cloning service for about \$200,000.

## Electric Chair Mania!

-- "Rides" called "The Original Shocker" at a Rockville, Md., arcade and "The Electric Chair Game" at various parks in Italy are simulated fatal experiences in a death-row electric chair, from the strapping-in to the controlled dose of electricity (voluntarily administered, enough to cause heavy vibrations) to the sound of sizzling juice to the cloud of smoke, and capped by a flat line on a heartbeat monitor. "Winning" involves staying in the chair until the machine declares you dead; losers release the electrodes early. And among America's best-selling toys last summer was Death-Row Marv (McFarlane Toys, \$24.99), in which a man strapped into an electric chair trash-talks his "executoier," almost begging to be lit up with more jolts of electricity.

## Unclear on the Concept

-- State officials near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, issued \$100 citations in August to two drivers whose U.S. Government water trucks were on their way to fight the Montana fires. The officials discovered that the trucks exceeded the highway weight limit of 17 tons (by 1 and 2 tons, respectively). According to the Helena Independent Record newspaper, the trucks were permitted to head out to the front lines only after they had dumped enough water to satisfy the inspectors.

-- In a video outtake mistakenly telecast on a Cape Cod (Massachusetts) public-access cable channel on July 31, the organizer of a cat-adoption service was shown being yelled at by her cameraman-husband (who was off-camera) to get the adoptable cat she was offering to stop squirming during the taping. One viewer told the Cape Cod Times, "The (cameraman) must have used the 'F' word 50 times, along with verbal threats to the kitten (to strangle it)."

## Schemes

-- In July, a federal grand jury in Charlotte, N.C., indicted 18 people in an interstate cigarette-smuggling ring (profitable because of the wide disparity in state taxes), accepting the government's evidence that at least part of the motivation for the scheme was to raise money for the Lebanese terrorist organization Hezbollah.

-- Cristal Campbell, 29, was re-arrested on July 12 in Boston after pulling a prank to escape and spending five days on the lam. At a court hearing on July 7, she urinated on the floor but claimed that she was pregnant and that her "water had broken" and thus was rushed to a hospital by concerned court personnel (most of whom were males who accepted her claim uncritically). Campbell is wanted on more than 50 con-artist warrants, and indeed, after court personnel took her to the hospital on July 7, she escaped

twice more before her July 12 capture.

## Cliches Come to Life

-- Yell What in a Crowded Theater?: In June, Sasha Aleksandr McClain Coe, 22, was charged with reckless endangerment in Sevierville, Tenn., after setting off a string of firecrackers in a theater during the movie "The Patriot." The 78 panicked patrons struggled angrily to get out the doors but once outside, they surrounded Coe and held him for the police.

-- Man Bites Dog: Richard Nelson, 40, fleeing on foot after being stopped in a stolen car, found his arm in the grip of Bear, a Canton, Ohio, police dog, and decided to retaliate by biting the dog on the nose to get it to loosen its grip. Instead, Nelson's bite caused Bear to tighten its jaw, so hard in fact that one of Bear's teeth broke off in Nelson's arm and had to be surgically removed.

## In Their Own Words

-- John Roberts (executive director of the Massachusetts chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, commenting in the Chicago Sun-Times on the ACLU's support for the speech rights of the North American Man-Boy Love Association, which is being sued by a Massachusetts couple as having inspired a pedophile to rape their son): "My wife's an early-childhood educator. (Because of the ACLU's position) I was expecting to find my clothes out on the lawn when I got home."

## Update

-- Innocent Middle-Named Waynes? In July, CBS News and three newspapers jointly offered to underwrite DNA testing of an already-executed man to determine whether, for the first known instance in U.S. history, the judicial system had put an innocent man to death. The subject of the test would be the Perry, Ga., man convicted on conflicting evidence of a 1981 rape-murder and executed in 1996, and who made News of the Weird because of his name: Ellis Wayne Felker. Also, in August, Texas Gov. George W. Bush issued a pardon to convicted rapist Roy Wayne Criner (the victim was also murdered, but Criner was charged only with the rape) because his DNA did not match that found on the victim, as reported in News of the Weird in July 2000.

## Least Competent Criminals

-- Traffic patrol officers often find that a suspected drunk driver will try to switch seats with a passenger after a stop, before the officer can reach the car. However, that strategy succeeds only if the passenger is more sober than the driver. In July, police in Lake City, Tenn., witnessed a driver-passenger switch, but it did not matter because both failed sobriety tests (along with the two people in the back seat). And in August, Hackensack, N.J., police stopped a weaving van to discover an open bottle of Scotch, an impaired 20-year-old man in the driver's seat, and an impaired 22-year-old man sitting in his lap; apparently, the two men got stuck trying to execute the seat switch.

## Also, in the Last Month ...

-- A female placekicker who was cut from the Duke University football team won \$2 million when a jury attributed her release primarily to her gender, despite evidence that several competitors were better kickers. Two prison guards were indicted for smuggling out sperm belonging to organized-crime inmates, who recently became fathers despite their long incarcerations (White Deer, Pa.). The Tampa Bay Devil Rays apologized to members of a local high school band, who were to play the national anthem on the last day of the season, for asking them to buy tickets to get into the ballpark. A 54-year-old ex-Marine stabbed his new son-in-law (Air Force) during a heated discussion of which military service is best (Linwood Township, Minn.).



entertainment

felix  
by steve mcclain

Alright, fellas, head 'em up, move 'em out. It's time for some t'te and 'ss.

Uh... what?

C'mon, get dressed. We're heading to Tootey's and it's on me.

...And neither of us has a birthday this month.

It's too early for Christmas...

Okay, dude, where did you get money all of a sudden? Mommy and Daddy feelin' generous this month?

Well, if you must know... I just got a bouncer job at Roxy.

Now get dressed. The strip club closes at two.

Wow... Mikey's .. got a .. job.

I think Felix is gonna need a minute for the shock to wear off.

Y'know, Tracy always got pissed whenever you tried to drag me to the strip club.

And I do have issues with the exploitation of a woman's body for money.

Listen, you little b\*tches, there ain't any females around, so you can chill on the feminist-sensitivity crap! We're men and we need t'te and 'ss! So quit yer b\*tchin' and let's go.

You're evil influence is corrupting me, man.

As long as you're payin', I guess it's all good...

Cool! So we're all going?

I will do your bidding, O' Prince of Darkness.

Yes, lead us to the t'te and 'ss, Evil One.

Alright! There's hope for you p'ssies after all!

Can you feel the love?

Oh, yeah.

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1 Simians

5 Lot

10 Dance movement

14 Gilpin of "Frasier"

15 Alphabetical quintet

16 "Rape of the Lock" poet

17 Solid-state circuit part

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20 Scram!

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37 Nest-egg \$

38 Type of overcoat

39 "\_\_\_ the season to be..."

40 Water damage

41 Nonfiction

43 Sheep-ette

44 Escort's offer

45 Progress like The Blob

46 Clouds' milieu

47 Architect Eero

51 Dull finish

54 Unguents

55 Needle case

56 Situational

60 Memorizing process

61 Grade-B Western

62 Austen novel

63 Flightless fowl

64 Creative movement of the '60s

65 Beams

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1 Appropriate

2 For every

3 Period

4 Base hits

5 Lures

6 Ancient fabulist

7 Book before Philemon

8 Geezer

9 "Ben"

10 Wet impact

11 Work hard

12 Fencer's tool

13 Writing tools

18 Bering or Ross

21 Handled

22 Strike caller?

23 Straight's partner?

24 Bring into being

25 Let's hear it

27 Tends the children

28 Country

29 Decorative horizontal band on a wall

30 Reduce

32 Mental grasp

33 Wed

34 Desirable assignment

35 Golf-hole start

42 Revel noisily

46 Eyelid swellings

47 "Miracle on 34th Street" character

48 Make ends meet?

49 Prevent

50 Actor Harrison

51 Only just

52 Tiny particle

53 Ballerina's skirt

54 Cleansing agent

56 Talk baby talk

57 Ms. Thurman

58 Irving or Tan

59 Notes of scales

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Dear Sexpert,

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-Three's A Crowd, 20, female

Dear Three's A Crowd,

From your harsh opening statement, I can already tell that you harbor some resentment for your "friend." The worst part about this situation is the third party who has almost been totally forgotten. While you are laboring over the decision of what to do about this mess, there is a clueless guy who has no idea what is going on behind the scenes. How do you know he's not pining away for someone you two don't even know? And if he does like you both back, why should you or your friend make the choice for him? You can't pick who he dates, so the real question here is what to do if he does decide to date either of you (and not the other one) in the future.

You've let on to me that you would be jealous, but you need to come clean with your friend. This has destroyed many a friendship in the past, and it's usually not even because of who dates who. The end result is always worse when you haven't been completely honest with your friend (and yourself) during the resolution of the problem. Things will be very weird if you are forced to hang out with them as a couple because you have pretended to not be green with envy.

However, if your crush develops into something stronger, then you have to decide who is more important to you: your friend or your prospective love? In cases like these, the b\*tchiest thing to do is play a rousing game of "Every Woman For Herself." But beware, it could be you who loses them both if your friend wins and you can't take back any of those nasty things you said in the heat of those angry, jealous moments.

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UCF's final Rec Fest was won by "The Dozers", and enjoyed by all who participated.

## Rec Fest in its last year at UCF

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racecourse and return to the start/finish line intact.

The Tug-of-War was played on the Lake Claire beach, and had eight participants to a side. The Pajama Tube Relay was played in the swimming pool. This battle involved sitting in an inner tube while wearing a sweat suit. The suit was passed from player to player after dog paddling the length of the pool. The 8-Palm Regatta consisted of four teams in a canoe. They had to carry the canoe over a portion of the beach and then paddle with their hands over a watercourse. The 8-Palm Regatta and Centipede Stampede were added this year to further the uniqueness of Rec Fest.

The evening's final event was the highlight of the festivities as UCF football coach Mike Kruczek looked on. He was the official starter of the Burger King Sip Relay, an event that took on a comical nature. Twelve participants, one at a time, drank 12 cups of Burger King Orange Drink with a straw. Kruczek made it a point to stress the success of this yearly event, praising Knudson for a job well done.

"Loren exemplifies the true UCF spirit and it's nice to have people like him working at the university," said Kruczek. "When Loren ask me to do this the last couple of years I wasn't able to do it, but this year's date was convenient for me. The enthusiasm is fantastic. These kids don't get the opportunity to compete in sports at universities, like they did in high school. It's a great thing to be able to compete physically during a college career. It's also an excellent opportunity to develop social relationships that might not happen otherwise."

Overall, Kruczek was very impressed with how positive the Rec Fest was. He attributed this to each team, when paired up, having to work towards a com-

mon goal of winning.

"We put this on for the students to have fun," said Knudson. "We call it UCF's greatest night of play. We had only four teams in 1989, and we have built it up over the years. We were able to revive it this year and we got bigger and better prizes. However, the main idea is to make it a social event. The winners get prizes, but we have all kinds of prizes that are awarded through a draw."

Knutson wanted to make some of the events fun, such as the Pajama Relay and the Centipede Stampede, while the other events, such as volleyball and Tug of War represented more familiar competition. Knutson thought everyone had a great time and enjoyed the evening himself.

"It was a lot of work and preparation, but it has also been a lot of fun," he said. "I always sleep best when everyone has had a good time. Everything, including the new events, worked out really well."

Marc Guile, an intramural official, working his third Rec Fest agreed with Knutson's comments. He did stress that this was Knutson's last Rec Fest and the staff wanted to make it special for him. Knutson felt that last year's absence might have hurt the turnout this year. Several other events were taking place on the same night, which might have also contributed to the smaller than expected turnout. They were expecting over 200 students, but only 120 students showed up.

Unfortunately for the Recreational Services department, this is the last scheduled Rec Fest and Knutson will be moving on after this year ends, due to recent decisions to restructure and reallocate money. After eleven years of continued growth, many smiles and countless hours of fun, UCF's "Greatest Knight of Play" will be no more.

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# sports volleyball

## Volleyball Notebook

### UCF Beats Stetson and Samford

The UCF volleyball team improved to 13-8 on the season last week, beating conference rivals Stetson 15-7, 15-5, 15-10, and Samford 15-12, 15-8, 15-11 at the UCF Arena. The wins were UCF's fourth and fifth in a row, and third and fourth consecutive conference wins, moving them into second place in the TAAC behind Georgia State University.

The offensive attack against Stetson was led by freshmen outside hitters Lindsey Whalen and Leyre Santaella Sante. Whalen had 13 kills and led the team with a .524 hitting percentage, while Sante added 12 kills. Sante and juniors Shelly Driggers and Piper Morgan each had four block assists.

"Our outside hitters really carried us through the match, hitting 12 and 13 kills," said UCF Head Coach Meg Colado. "We served an incredibly tough match."

Against Samford, Sante had 11 kills and Morgan and Driggers each had eight. UCF also remained undefeated against Samford, raising their record to 9-0 in the all-time series.

"We did a good job of maintaining our leads, closing the match out in three," said Colado. "These were two young teams who were going after each other. It's a good indication of what's to come."

### Morgan Ties Record

Junior middle blocker Piper Morgan moved into a fourth place tie in UCF history for career solo blocks with her three-block performance against Samford. She now has 54, and is tied with Emily Queisser, who graduated in 1995.

Junior Lisa Caporaso also got in the record books with five service aces in the Golden Knights' win over Samford. That ties for seventh best in a match.

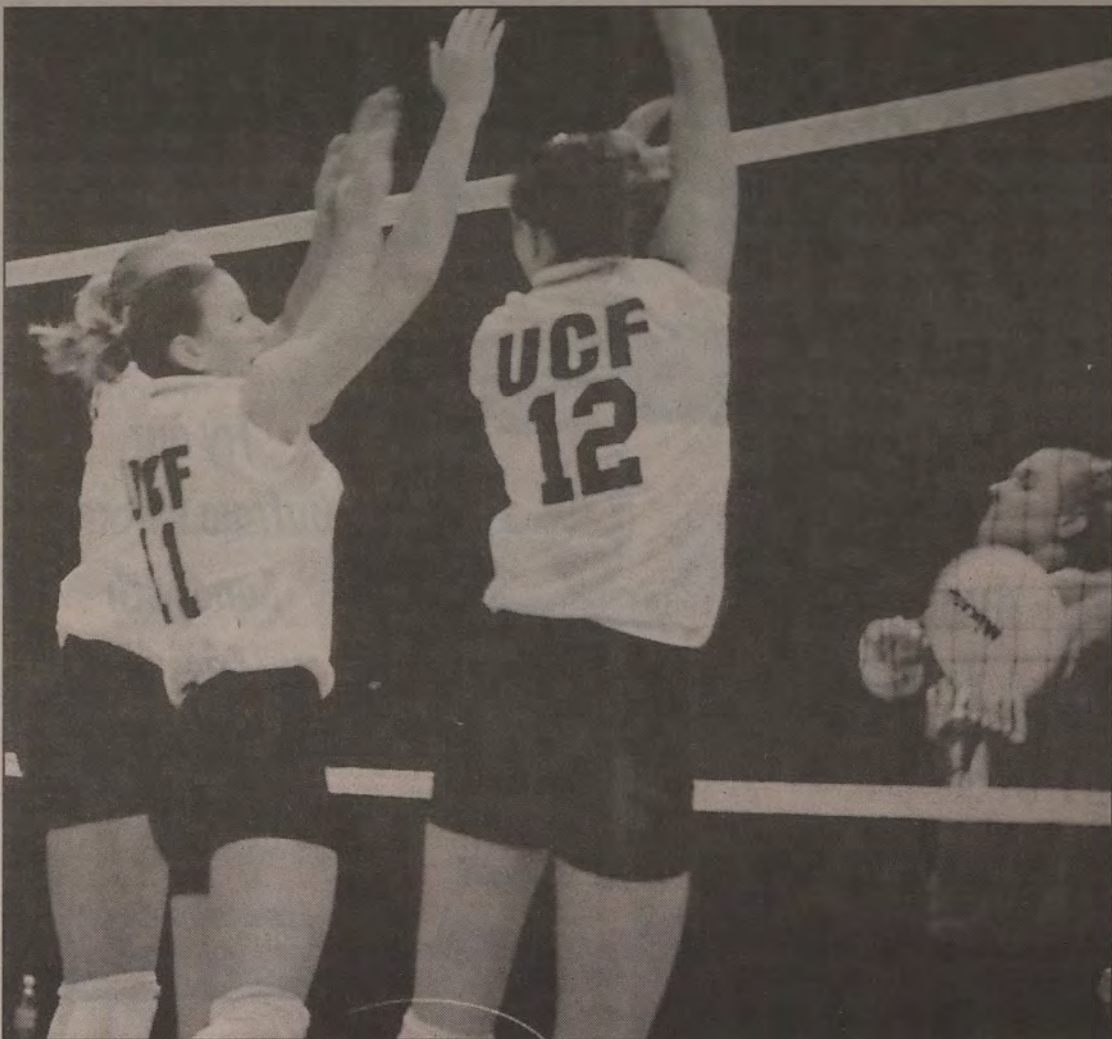


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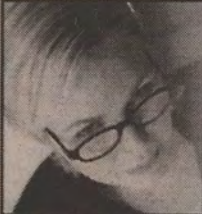

The Golden Knights hope to capture the TAAC Championship and earn a berth to the NCAA Tournament.

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Freshman setter Jenny Frank has impressed in her first season as a Golden Knight, leading the team in assists and digs per game.

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The UCF volleyball team has won five consecutive matches and currently occupies the second spot in the TAAC regular season standings.

**FROM PAGE 28****UCF Hosts Jacksonville**

UCF will play host to Jacksonville University Oct. 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the UCF Arena. The Knights beat Jacksonville two weeks ago in a hard fought, five game match, giving Jacksonville its first home loss of that season. That match, however, did not count as a conference match. That makes tonight's match more important, with both UCF and Jacksonville

chasing Georgia State for the TAAC lead.

UCF will also play three games in four days later this week, starting at Davidson College on Saturday. They play at North Carolina A&T State University on Sunday and finally return home to play the University of South Florida on Tuesday. The Knights lost to USF by their worst margin of the year back in early September. UCF was 1-4 at the time. They are now 13-8 and have won nine of their last ten matches.

- Joe Manzo

**FROM PAGE 30****High Scoring**

After scoring his eighth goal of the season Saturday night, Remi Hariz raised his point total to 19, which puts him in the top five in the TAAC. He's also in the top five in goals scored. Mercer's Neil Zarac leads in both categories. Hariz, a native of Vestby, Norway, was tied for third in goals and fourth in points going into the game against Mercer.

**The Constant Captain**

The Golden Knights' iron man also serves as team captain. Twenty different players have started a game for UCF this year, but only one player has started them all. Captain Sami Teittinen, a senior defender from Helsinki, Finland has been penciled in the lineup every night this season. He has three points on the year, all assists.

**Around the TAAC**

Despite their tie against Mercer, the Golden Knights remain at the bottom of the conference standings. At 0-4-1, they are the only TAAC team to not record a win. Mercer is still atop the standings at 3-0-2, and Jacksonville remains close behind at 2-0-3. UCF has one more conference game on the schedule, on the road against Florida Atlantic. A win would give the Knights a slight chance of making the TAAC tournament next month, pending the result Stetson's last few games.

Offensive Player of the Week honors for the week of October 16th went to Federico Santana. Santana is a junior forward from Florida Atlantic. He recorded his first career hat trick in a 4-1 win over Campbell on the 11th. It was a natural hat trick, as he scored the team's first three goals of the match.

Tim Reik of Stetson was awarded Defensive Player of the Week honors. The junior goalkeeper and business major lead his team to two wins, including Stetson's first shutout of the season, a 1-0 win over UCF. He also held UNC-Wilmington to one goal in a 2-1 win. He had a total of 13 saves in the two matches.

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Freshman forward Chris Beaulac has played well for a very young and inexperienced GoldenKnight team this season.



# sports soccer

## Men's Soccer Notebook

### Golden Knights Still in Search of First Win

The UCF men's soccer team played two games last week, but were unable to get their first win of the season, falling 4-1 to Georgia State and tying 1-1 with Mercer.

In the week's first game, Georgia State senior midfielder Scott Mora scored twice and had two assists while the visiting Panthers took advantage of three of their first four shots on goal, including two goals within a minute of each other near the end of the first half.

After the two teams went back and forth early in the game, the scoring was opened up by the Panthers when Mora hit a cutting Kyle Uhlis, who put a well placed lob from 15 yards over the head of UCF goalie Mensur Tonuzi. The Golden Knights struck back to tie the game on Remi Hariz's header in the 37th minute.

That score would stand until the 43rd minute, when Georgia State struck twice within 22 seconds. On the first goal, freshmen forward Uche Asika put a rebound past Tonuzi. Mora would then score his first goal, off a shot to the lower right corner, giving the Panthers a 3-1 lead to end the half.

An uneventful second half would offer no relief for the Golden Knights. Mora closed the scoring with his second goal, getting a pass in the penalty box from freshmen midfielder Scott Adams and beating Tonuzi at 79:50.

"We didn't challenge for a lot of balls in the box. They were very tough in the final third," said UCF Head Coach Bob Winch. Still, he felt good about his team's mindset.

"They're still playing, they're still working hard. Practices have been very good. Their attitudes are great. It's a tribute to their characters as players. They'll learn a lot this season."

UCF's fortunes changed somewhat against Mercer later in the week, as the Golden Knights clawed and scratched their way to a 1-1 tie. The tie was especially encouraging because Mercer is the defending TAAC Champion and on the verge of clinching the conference title again.

After a strong defensive performance during a scoreless first half, Mercer broke through when the conference's leading scorer, Neil Zarac, had a goal off an assist from junior forward David Henager at 68:54. Mercer guarded the lead closely, but was unable to maintain it when Hariz, UCF's leading scorer, kicked a goal passed junior goalkeeper Andrew Castrichini at 81:41. Hariz's own goalkeeper, Mensur Tonuzi, got the assist.

Both teams held their ground through the rest of regulation, sending the game to two tense overtimes. Throughout both periods, UCF was able to put a lot of pressure on the Mercer net, barely missing the goal on several shots and even having a goal called back in the second OT. Tonuzi came up big on several saves, particularly in the closing minutes of the game.

"All year long, we been a better team than our record indicates," said Winch. "And to come out against the conference champions and play well was important. Our goalkeeper played well, our defense played outstand-

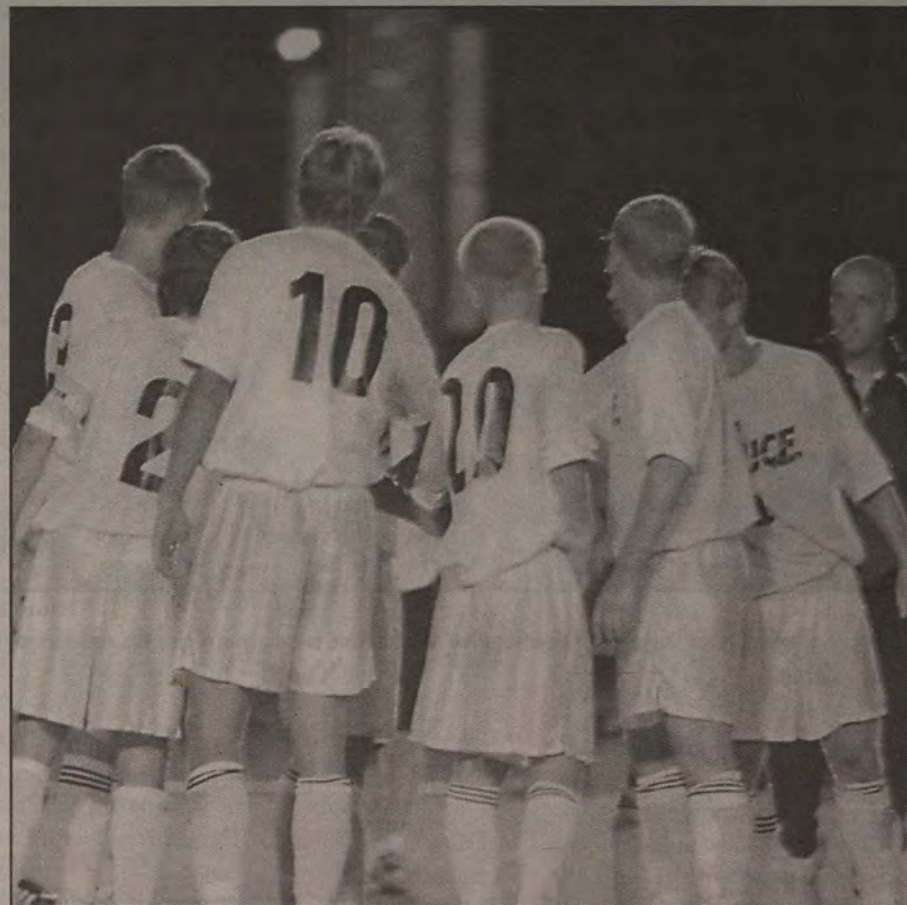


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The UCF men's soccer team is winless this season, but has not yet been mathematically eliminated from a chance at a berth in the TAAC Tournament.

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The Golden Knights next game will be Oct. 25 at Florida Atlantic, and have two more home games this week against Centenary on Oct. 28 and Alabama A&M on Oct. 29. UCF's record is now 0-12-3, including a 0-4-1 mark in conference. As their season

comes to a close, Coach Winch warns anyone that may think this team has quit.

"We still have a cause," he said. "We still have a chance to play in the (TAAC) tournament."

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## Fear



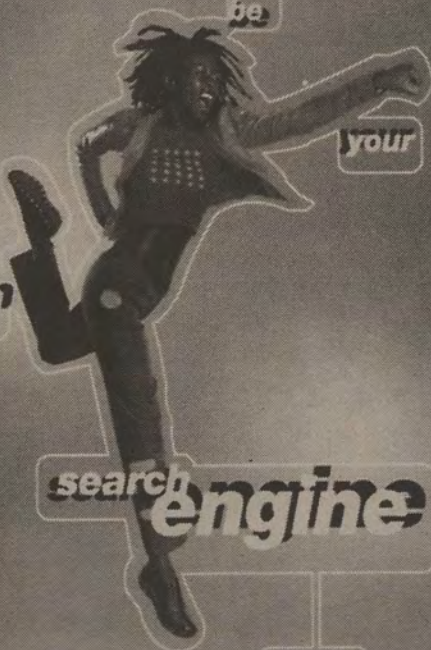
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## sports *soccer*

### UCF on Four Game Winning Streak

The UCF women's soccer team improved its Trans America Athletic Conference record to 6-2-0 with two conference victories last week, 3-2 over Georgia State and an 8-0 win over Campbell.

Against Georgia State, the Golden Knights scored three goals early in the second half, and then held on as GSU rallied for two goals in a span of 17 seconds late in the game. For the second consecutive game, Senior Kassia Panzik scored in the 51st minute to put UCF up 1-0. Panzik, a defender, had never scored prior to UCF's Oct. 12 win against Samford,

80th minute and Lindsay Maier scored the first goal of her career, and UCF's final goal of the game, in the 84th minute. UCF out shot Campbell 35-1, and goalkeeper Carol Lewis recorded her fourth straight win and third shut out.

### Anderson, Howell Have Record-Setting Night

Junior Michelle Anderson and Senior Cally Howell both had record-setting games in UCF's 8-0 win against Campbell on Oct. 21.

Anderson recorded her third hat trick of the season, beating the previous regular season record of two, held by three play-

## Women's Soccer Notebook

but has since scored two goals in two games. Cally Howell and Michelle Anderson assisted the goal. One minute and 12 seconds later, Claire Kohake scored off a Howell corner kick, and Alice Uhler scored the eventual game-winner at 65:39 off an Anderson assist.

Georgia State rallied back with a goal by Kim Forrest off of a free kick. Chandra Yorgason kept hope alive with a goal 17 seconds later from 20 yards out, but the Golden Knights held on to win the game 3-2. Freshman goalkeeper Carol Lewis made three saves for the Golden Knights to earn her third straight win. Georgia State goalkeeper Jennifer Espinal tallied four saves.

The Golden Knights then extended their winning streak to four games with an 8-0 victory at Campbell, led by Michelle Anderson's third hat trick of the season. The offensive ambush began just 8:18 into the game when Jackie Kutudis scored to make it 1-0. Anderson first goal came in the 17th minute, making the score 2-0. In the 57th minute Claire Kohake scored the first of her two goals. Anderson then scored in the 74th and 76th minutes, and Kohake scored a minute later, heading in a Cally Howell corner kick. Alice Uhler scored her third goal of the season in the

ers and achieved in four different seasons. Her first hat trick this season came against Alabama A&M on Sept. 3 and her second came on Oct. 8 against Jacksonville State. All three came in games that ended in shut outs, with 11-0, 4-0, and 8-0 scores respectively. Her third was the 32nd hat trick in UCF history. Anderson leads the Golden Knights in goals scored with 12 and in total points with 28.

While Anderson leads the team in goals, Howell leads the team in assists. The senior now has her place in UCF history with the most assists in a single season and most assists in a career. Howell recorded three assists against Campbell, increasing her season total to 16 and her career total to 34. She surpassed Danya Harris as the school's most generous player in a season, and Danielle Thomas as the career assist leader. Howell leads the team in assists and is second to Anderson in total points with 18.

### TAAC Tournament Taking Final Shape

With a win over Jacksonville State on Oct. 21, Jacksonville University has cemented their position as first place in the TAAC regular season standings. Finishing first in the conference guarantees JU a first round bye in the conference



CFF FILE PHOTO

The UCF women's soccer team has won four consecutive games and is in contention for a first round bye in the TAAC Tournament.

tournament.

The recipient of the other first round bye won't be decided until Oct. 27, when UCF finishes their regular season with a rivalry game at Stetson. As of Oct. 21 the Golden Knights are one game behind Florida Atlantic University, who was already completed their TAAC schedule. A win against Stetson will move UCF into a tie with FAU for second place, and because the Golden Knights beat FAU earlier in the season, they hold the tiebreaker advantage and will get the first round bye. If the Golden Knights were to lose to Stetson, they would remain in third place in the TAAC and would still advance to the TAAC Tournament, but would not have a first round bye.

Jacksonville State (9-9-0, 5-4-0) finished their season in fourth place in the

TAAC. Currently tied for fifth place in the conference are Georgia State (6-9-1, 3-4-1) and Samford (8-7-1, 3-4-1). Fifth place in the final standings could be decided in a head to head battle between the two teams on Oct. 25.

Stetson (6-9-1, 2-4-1) is currently in seventh place, but not out of tournament contention yet. The Hatters still have two TAAC games left, Oct. 23 at Troy State and Oct. 27 against UCF. While JU and JSU have the first and fourth positions in the TAAC locked up, FAU has to sit back and wait until Friday to see whether or not UCF takes over possession of second place, and this last week of the regular season will decide which two teams will take the last positions in the TAAC Tournament - Georgia State, Samford, or Stetson.

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# Alabama has not met preseason expectations

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tions. Alabama brings a balanced offense, led by the running of tailback Ahmaad Galloway and the passing of quarterback Andrew Zow. Galloway has carried the ball 83 times for 442 yards and five touchdowns, while fellow running back Brandon Miree has 64 carries for 304 yards and another five touchdowns. Zow has struggled this year, completing 65 of his 127 pass attempts for 768 yards, one touchdown, and six interceptions. The Crimson Tide had been rotating quarterbacks, but Tyler Watts recently was lost for the year with an injury and the job is now solely Zow's. With Millions struggling, Zow's favorite receiving target has been Antonio Carter, who has 28 catches for 364 yards.

One of Zow's biggest strengths

is his mobility, and will likely give the UCF defensive line problems in trying to sack him. However, he has struggled to find open receivers under pressure, and if the Golden Knights can flush him from the pocket, they could be the recipients of a few interceptions.

For UCF, the big question is who will start at quarterback. Senior Vic Penn has returned from a separated shoulder and will be ready to play, but redshirt freshman Ryan Schneider has performed extremely well in Penn's absence. UCF Head Coach Mike Kruczek has yet to name a starter. One advantage for Penn is his superior mobility, which may be needed due to ankle injuries to offensive lineman Steve Edwards and tight end Mario Jackson. The Golden Knights suffered a number of injuries in their Homecoming

win over Louisiana-Monroe, and will need everyone healthy to have their best chance against Alabama. Along with Edwards and Jackson, running back Eddie Mack, linebackers Tony Hardman and Antoine Poe, defensive linemen Don Page and Jeff Mauldin, and Schneider all are banged up.

Whoever the quarterback is, they will have the luxury of throwing to a very good receiving corps. Senior Tyson Hinshaw, the nation's second leading receiver, will try to extend his streak of games with a touchdown to six, and senior Kenny Clark, bothered by an ankle injury, may be at full strength for the first time since his 148 yard performance against Georgia Tech.

Once again, the Golden Knights will be going into hostile territory looking for an upset



PHOTO BY JASON KOKOTOFF

Senior wide receiver Tyson Hinshaw makes one of his six catches against Louisiana-Monroe. Hinshaw is currently second in the nation in receptions per game.

win that could go a long way in improving UCF's reputation in the college football community. After so many close calls, Kruczek and his team hope this

one will finally break the ice.

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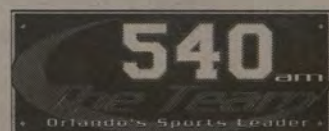
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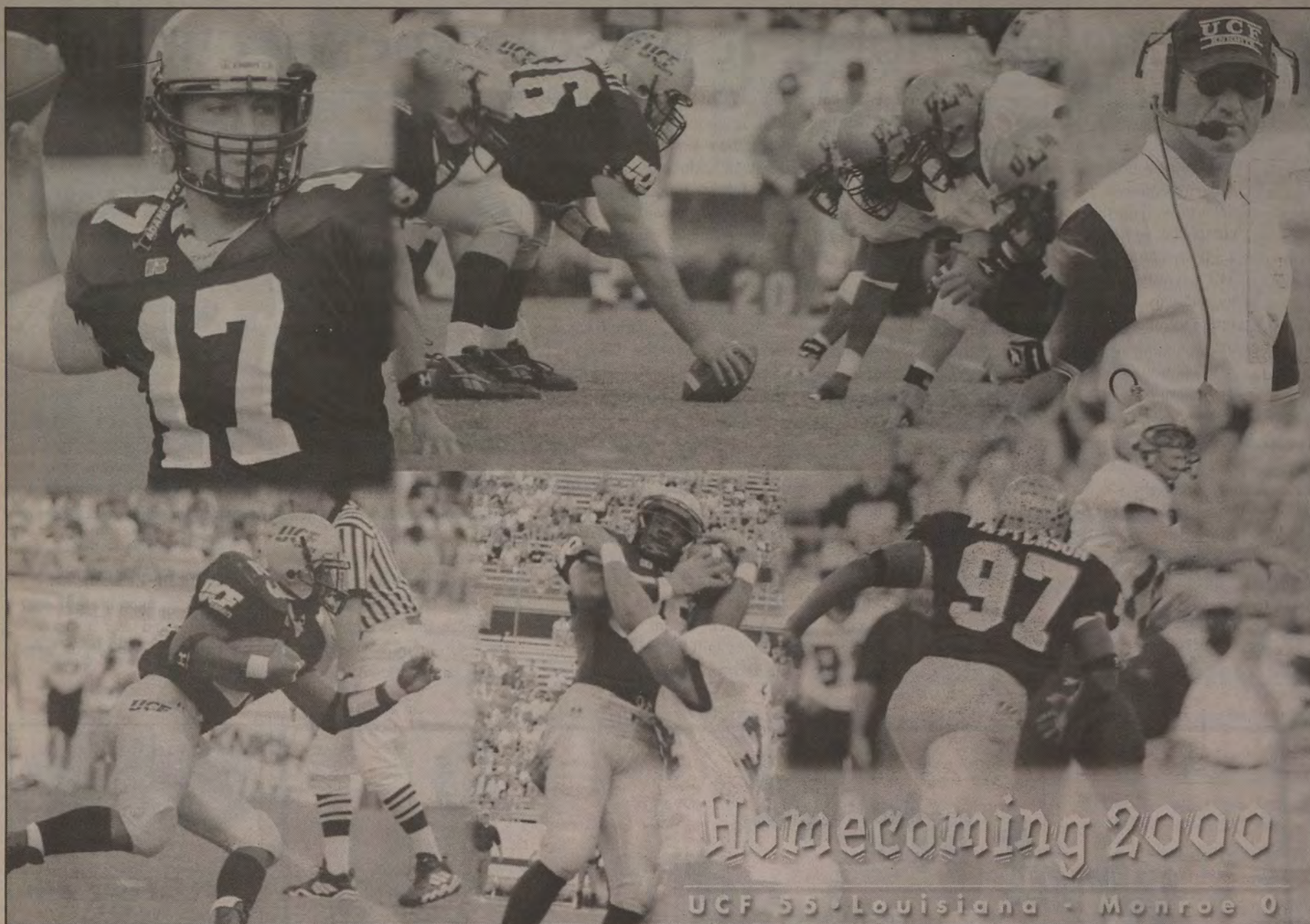
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# GAME 8

# UCF 55 • Louisiana - Monroe 0

UCF Leaders • Passing, Ryan Schneider, 14-22, 312 yards, 4 TD's • Rushing, Omari Howard, 14 rushes, 43 yards, • Receiving, Tyson Hinshaw, 6 rec. 136 yards, 2 TD's

## Offensive Player of the Week Ryan Schneider

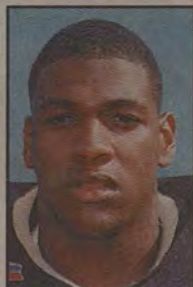


Schneider

In what may have been his last start of the season, Schneider completed 14 of his 22 pass attempts for 312 yards, four touchdowns and one interception. All of that came in the first half, as third string quarterback Brian Miller relieved Schneider in the second half.

## Defensive Player of the Week Elton Patterson

The sophomore defensive end made six tackles, four for lost yardage, including a team and career-high three sacks. Patterson leads the Golden Knights with eight sacks on the season.



Patterson

## Inside The Numbers

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Number of rushing yards by Louisiana-Monroe, the lowest total allowed by the UCF defense this season.

11

The number of penalties committed by UCF, which resulted in 100 penalized yards. The Golden Knights gave Louisiana-Monroe five first downs as a result of penalties, and had a 50-yard punt return for a touchdown by Asante Samuel called back because of a penalty.

13

Number of tackles by junior middle line-backer Tito Rodriguez, which led the Golden Knights. It was the third time in four weeks that Rodriguez led the team in tackles.

45

Number of points scored by UCF in the first half. It was the largest amount of points scored by UCF in one half this year, and almost eclipsed the 52 points that the Golden Knights scored against William & Mary in the entire game.

## Game Notes

### Hinshaw Continues to Amaze

Senior wide receiver had another great game for UCF, catching six passes for 136 yards and two touchdowns, including an amazing diving catch in the second quarter. Though his total of six catches was two under his average of eight, he is still second in the nation with 8.00 receptions per game. Hinshaw is also second in the nation with nine receiving touchdowns, and sixth in the nation with 103.00 receiving yards per game. Hinshaw also has a streak of five consecutive games with a touchdown reception,



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Sophomore wide receiver Jimmy Fryzel celebrates his second quarter touchdown reception. Fryzel caught four passes for 98 yards in the game.

## All-around effort results in blowout win

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UCF's 55-0 Homecoming victory over Louisiana-Monroe was a team effort. A full team effort. The Golden Knights all-around effort resulted in the team's most points in a game this season, its first shutout of the season, and the fourth largest margin of victory in school history. Head Coach Mike Kruczek summed it up, saying that everyone did their part in improving the team's record to 5-3.

"Ryan Schneider did a remarkable job of throwing the ball, and they protected him very well, and the kids caught the football, and we jumped off the football pretty quick and kept the pressure on them most of the football game," said Kruczek. "I was really pleased about all phases of the football game."

On defense, the Golden Knights forced four turnovers (three fumbles and one interception), sacked Louisiana-Monroe quarterback Andre Vige six times, blocked a punt, and held the Indians to just 162 yards of total offense, including -20 rushing yards. Senior defensive end Fred Harley said that it was a great feeling to get a shutout.

"It was the best game we've ever played," said Harley of the defense. "It's hard to stop any school from scoring. To get somebody that they can't get no points on the scoreboard, that's the best feeling for a defense. And to get 55 points, everything was going our way."

Junior middle linebacker Tito

Rodriguez, who led the team with nine tackles, said the Golden Knights had been focusing all week on getting a shutout.

"It was real big," said Rodriguez. "The whole season we've been trying to get the shutout, and this week we came out the whole week in practice and tried to focus. We said before the game started 'Don't let them get nothing', and it came out a zip."

On offense, redshirt freshman quarterback Ryan Schneider threw for 312 yards and four touchdowns in the first half alone. Running backs Eddie Mack and Omari Howard each had touchdown runs, and four different receivers caught touchdown passes. Even third-string quarterback Brian Miller got into the act, throwing his first career touchdown pass to Jimmy Johnson in the fourth quarter. Junior placekicker Javier Beorlegui continued his stellar season, making field goals of 44 and 38 yards and all seven of his extra point attempts.

"Defensively we came in with a lot of confidence, and you continue to see them fly around and make plays," said Kruczek. "The kicking game, I can't say enough about Javier and his contribution scoring points, and obviously offensively we got some things done today."

Next up for the Golden Knights is a trip to Tuscaloosa, where they will play the Alabama Crimson Tide. The game will be Alabama's Homecoming, and the Golden Knights hope to rain on their parade with another all-around performance and get the first big upset win in UCF history.

## Game Notes (continued)

and will attempt to extend it next week against Alabama.

### Baker Ejected, Howard Carries Load

Redshirt freshman running back Corey Baker was ejected during the game's first quarter for his participation in a scuffle during a kickoff return. With starter Eddie Mack suffering from lingering injuries, junior running back Omari Howard got a chance to carry the load for UCF, and made the most of it. Howard had a career-high 14 carries for 43 yards, including a 15-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. Howard now has three touchdowns on the season.

### Miller Gets First Meaningful Playing Time

Redshirt freshman quarterback Brian Miller saw the first extended playing time of his college career against Louisiana-Monroe, getting to play the entire second half in relief of starter Ryan Schneider. Miller completed three of his seven pass attempts for 26 yards, including his first career touchdown pass, an 8-yarder to Jimmy Johnson in the fourth quarter.

"You'll never forget your first TD," said Miller. "I remember my first high school touchdown pass. This one is that much sweeter. It's just a short little flick pass but this is Division I college football and that's what it's all about. It's a dream come true to go out there and play Division I college football."

Miller also showed great mobility in the pocket, running for 32 yards on just three carries.

### Spreading the Wealth Around

The UCF offense was an equal opportunity work environment in the win over Louisiana-Monroe, with eight different players being involved in touchdowns. Quarterbacks Ryan Schneider each threw touchdown passes, while receivers Tyson Hinshaw, Jimmy Fryzel, Tavis Davis, and Jimmy Johnson all had touchdown catches. Running backs Eddie Mack and Omari Howard each had touchdown runs. In all, seven different receivers caught passes for the Golden Knights, and five different players ran with the ball. And not to be outdone, junior placekicker Javier Beorlegui made field goals of 44 and 38 yards, and was perfect on seven extra point attempts.

### Injury Report

The Golden Knights suffered a number of injuries in the win over Louisiana-Monroe. Junior offensive lineman Steve Edwards suffered a badly sprained ankle, and had to leave the game on crutches. His status is uncertain for next week's game against Alabama. Tight end Mario Jackson also suffered a sprained ankle, making for two members of UCF's starting offensive line with ankle problems. Junior linebacker Tony Hardman left the game with a hyper extended knee and iced it down. Head Trainer Kevin Mercuri said that Hardman could have come back into the game, but did not want to risk further injury. Freshman linebacker Antoine Poe (right) and quarterback Ryan Schneider (left) both suffered slight shoulder separations, but both should be fine to play this week. Freshman defensive end Don Page aggravated a nagging ankle sprain and sat out the second half of the game, but should be able to play this week.

NextUp: University of Alabama





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# Golden Knights hope to roll the Tide

*UCF football plays at Alabama this weekend*

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Ever since moving into Division 1-A, the UCF football team has outplayed many great football programs, but have yet to win the big game. Last year, UCF came within a play of beating Georgia, the 11th ranked team in the country, and earlier this year, the Golden Knights lost at Georgia Tech 21-17 after giving up a touchdown in the final minute.

This Saturday, UCF (5-3) will get another chance at that elusive upset when they travel to Alabama (3-4) to play the Crimson Tide. The game is a stark contrast in tradition, as Alabama has had one of the nation's best football programs for years. Football is a religion at Alabama, the home of Bear Bryant, numerous national championships, and Forrest Gump. UCF is still a fledgling program trying to build tradition and a reputation as one of college football's elite teams. And though the Crimson Tide are not having a great year by their standards, a win by the Golden Knights would easily be the biggest in school history.

Alabama started the season ranked third in the AP and ESPN polls, but lost three of their first four games, and are coming off a 20-10 loss to Tennessee. Saturday's game will be Homecoming for the Crimson Tide, giving them extra motivation to get a big win in front of their fans. Despite that, however, the UCF players are excited about getting a chance to play in front of a hostile crowd.

"Away crowds, they kind of pump you up," said junior linebacker Tito Rodriguez. "You hear them talking trash, and it helps you out. You want to go out there and keep the crowd quiet."

"That's what you play for," said sophomore linebacker/fullback Sean Gaudion. "Those are the games you love to play."

Although they only have a 3-4 record, the Crimson Tide is likely the most talented team that UCF has faced this year. Wide receiver Freddie Millons was a pre-season favorite to contend for the Heisman Trophy, but has been slowed by injuries and not performed up to expecta-



PHOTO BY JASON KOKOTOFF

The UCF defense corrals Louisiana-Monroe quarterback Andre Vige for a sack. The Golden Knights will need another solid defensive performance to beat Alabama on Saturday.

## UCF's final Rec Fest a success

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On Friday October 13, a new Rec Fest champion was crowned. After a one-year absence, due to construction, the campus-wide competition returned with a new and improved format. The competition started in 1989 under the guidance of Loren Knutson, the Recreational Services Director. This year, twenty-seven teams vied for the title of Rec Fest 2000 champions. Knutson and his staff were hoping to fill all 48 available team slots, but they still felt it was a successful evening.

The event was put on with the help of seventeen sponsors, including Universal Studios, Disney, the Orlando Solar Bears, Frito Lay's, and the primary sponsors,

Pizza Hut and Coke. The event took approximately one year to plan and its goal was to make athletics a social event. Each team, made up of four co-ed members, had to switch partners after every event, which provided an environment of constant cooperation and stimulated the social environment. The tournament started at 4:30 p.m. at Lake Claire and shifted to the intramural complexes when the sun went down. The weather cooperated, providing a beautiful night for such a competition.

After six hours of competition, The Dozers were crowned the champions. In a hard fought, but friendly and fun filled competition, they defeated the Crazy Knights by a score of 1295 to 1232. The Tri-Lambs captured third with 1126. The

tournament consisted of Volleyball, Melonball, Centipede Stampede, Tug of War, PJ Tube Relay, Palm Regatta and The Burger King Sip Off.

"It was a lot of fun," said Jeff Caplan and Justin Daniel of The Lifeguards.

The volleyball games were played on grass and participants were allowed to let the ball bounce one time before returning it. Each team had three participants. The Melonball contests were the same as the volleyball contests, except that it was played on the tennis courts with all four players. The Centipede Stampede was a group race. The teams consisted of 16 players, who were tied together by the leg and held hands. They had to negotiate a

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